

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 1

DECLARING ALL CO-TERMINOUS THIRD LEVEL POSITIONS VACANT AS OF JUNE 30, 2010; DIRECTING ALL NON-CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE OFFICIALS (NON-CESO) OCCUPYING CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE (CES) POSITIONS TO CONTINUE TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND EXTENDING THE SERVICES OF CERTAIN CONTRACTUAL AND/OR CASUAL EMPLOYEES WHOSE CONTRACTS EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2010.

In the exigency of the service and to ensure continuity of government operations, official processes and transactions as well as the delivery of services to the people, the following are hereby directed:

1. All Presidential appointees under coterminous status and/or those occupying positions created in excess of the authorized staffing pattern in all departments, offices, agencies and bureaus in the executive branch, are deemed separated from the service as of noon of June 30, 2010.
2. All non-Career Executive Service Officials (non-CESO) occupying Career Executive Service (CES) positions in all agencies of the Executive Branch shall remain in office and continue to perform their duties and discharge their responsibilities until July 31, 2010, or until their resignations have been accepted and/or until their respective replacements have been appointed and/or designated, whichever comes first.
3. In cases where the head of agency or office has resigned and whose resignation has been accepted or is deemed separated on June 30, 2010 and no replacement has been appointed or designated, the next-in-rank and most senior official shall take over as Officer-in-Charge, to perform the duties and discharge the responsibilities of the position until July 31, 2010 or until a replacement has been appointed or designated, whichever comes first.
4. Contractual and/or casual employees whose contracts expire on June 30, 2010 shall continue their services up to July 31, 2010, unless otherwise earlier terminated or renewed by the heads of the hiring agencies in accordance with their specific needs and requirements and subject to pertinent administrative and auditing rules and regulations.
5. Services rendered by the aforementioned officials and personnel referred to in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 in compliance with the provisions of this Memorandum Circular shall be compensated in accordance with existing civil service, budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. Officials and personnel referred to Sections 2, 3 and 4 above are hereby finally directed to effect an orderly and complete turn over of records, documents, books, equipment and other properties of their respective offices to their successors, after the latter shall have been appointed or designated.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of June 2010.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2

AMENDING MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 1, SERIES 2010.

1. In the exigency of the service and to ensure continuity of government operations, official processes and transactions as well as the delivery of services to the people, Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Memorandum Circular No. 1 are hereby amended to read as follows:

“2. All non-Career Executive Service Officials (non-CESO) occupying Career Executive Service (CES) positions in all agencies of the Executive Branch shall remain in office and continue to perform their duties and discharge their responsibilities until **October 31, 2010** or until their resignations have been accepted and/or until their respective replacements have been appointed or designated, whichever comes first, **unless they are re-appointed in the meantime.**

3. In cases where the head of agency or office has resigned and whose resignation has been accepted or is deemed separated on June 30, 2010 and no replacement has been appointed or designated, the next-in-rank and most senior official **of the agency of a senior official of the Department to which said agency is attached, shall be designated by the Department Secretary concerned** as Officer-in-Charge, to perform the duties and discharge the responsibilities of the position until **October 31, 2010** or until a replacement has been appointed or designated, whichever comes first, **unless his designation is extended in the meantime.”**

2. Any official whose service has been terminated or whose resignation has been accepted and/or before July 31, 2010, but whose replacement has not yet been appointed or designated shall be deemed separated from the service as of the date of termination or acceptance of resignation.

3. Any provision of Memorandum Circular No. 1, Series 2010 and its Implementing Guidelines dated 16, July 2010, inconsistent herewith is hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately. Done in the City of Manila this 29th day of July 2010.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

RESOURCES

- Memorandum Circular No2

**MALACAÑANG
MANILA**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 3

**DIRECTING THE FORMULATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM PHILIPPINE
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MTPDP) AND THE MEDIUM-TERM PUBLIC INVESTMENT
PROGRAM (MTPIP) FOR 2010-2016**

Section 9, Article XII of the 1987 Constitution mandates that the economic and planning agency of the Government shall implement continuing integrated and coordinated programs and policies for national development after consultations with appropriate public agencies, various private sectors, and local government units.

Accordingly, and in order to translate the “Social Contract with the Filipino People” into consistent policies and programs, and considering the need to specify the resource allocation of the national government to ensure efficiency in public spending and implement effective government policies, programs and projects, the following are hereby directed:

1. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall coordinate the preparation of the MTPDP and MTPIP for 2010-2016 to be jointly formulated by the executive and legislative branches of the government in a participative process involving the other sectors of the Philippine society— the marginalized sectors and communities, and private organizations.
2. All government departments, offices and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations, shall formulate their respective medium-term development plans and action programs. These plans and programs shall have results-oriented focus on national development goals.
3. The MTPDP shall contain at least the following basic elements:
 - a. Development goals and objectives;
 - b. Strategic policy framework to attain such goals and objectives; and
 - c. Strategy planning matrix, a list of result-based priority sectoral activities, and the necessary supportive legislations.
4. The MTPDP shall be submitted to the NEDA Board and Legislative Executive Advisory Council (LEDAC) by December 2010.
5. All departments, offices and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations, shall draw inputs from their respective regional offices. The regional development concerns of the various departments, offices and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations, must be consistent with the regional development plan.
6. All plans of the local government units shall be consistent with the regional development strategies, physical framework, and local needs.
7. All sectors of society, public or private, shall be consulted to the fullest to obtain their opinions and positions on matters related thereto.
8. The planning guidelines to be followed in the formulation of the plans and programs shall be issued by the NEDA Secretariat and shall be made an integral part of this Circular.
9. The Department of Budget and Management shall provide the funds necessary for the attainment of the objectives of this Circular, subject to the usual accounting and auditing requirements.

This Memorandum Circular shall take immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 4

Upon the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and in view of the continuing inclement weather brought by typhoon “*Juan*,” work in government offices in Regions I, II and CAR is hereby suspended tomorrow, 19 October 2010.

However, those agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital public services shall continue with their operations and render the necessary services.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President

[for] **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**

(Sgd.) **JOSE AMOR M. AMORADO**
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary

**MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 5

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 9TH NATIONAL CAREER EXECUTIVE
SERVICE CONFERENCE**

The Career Executive Service Board (CESB) and the National Union of Career Executive Service Officers (NUCESO) will hold the **2010 Annual CES Conference** on **November 17-19, 2010** in **Laoag City**. This year's conference theme is "*Serbisyong CESO: Pmumunong Tapat, Magaling at Wasto (Modernong Gobyerno* Makakalikasang Progreso* Makataong Pagbabago).*"

The Conference theme highlights the CES brand of management and leadership that is exemplified by integrity, professionalism and excellence. It shall provide learning opportunities through plenary and multi-track learning sessions, open forum and other networking activities.

All Career Executive Service Officers/Career Executive Service Eligibles and Career Service Executive Eligibles are enjoined to attend the said conference. The conference fee is P7,500.00 per participant, inclusive of hotel accommodation, meals and conference materials. Conference participants may charge said fee and their travel expenses against the funds of their respective agencies in accordance with the existing policies by the Department of Budget and Management and Commission on Audit. Since the conduct of this conference is considered a core function of the CESB, the same is not subject to the provisions of Administrative Order No. 103 dated August 31, 2004.

All heads of government agencies, departments, bureaus and offices, including government-owned and/or controlled corporation and their subsidiaries/units shall authorize their respective officials and employees to attend and participate in this 2010 Annual CES National Conference on official business.

Manila, Philippines, 29th day of October 2010

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

(Sgd.) **JOSE AMOR M. AMORADO**
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary

**MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA**

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 6

**AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL/BUSINESS OF
PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS IN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAs),
GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs), STATE
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) IN
THE 62nd ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL CONVENTION AND FORUM OF THE SOCIETY
OF FILIPINO FORESTERS, INC. (SFFI)**

The SFFI will hold its 62nd Anniversary National Convention and Forum on November 11-13, 2010 at the Dakak Beach Resort, Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte, with a theme: "Sound Forestry Governance: The Way Forward".

The gathering will provide an opportunity for professional foresters in the NGAs, GOCCs, SUCs, and LGUs to learn more about current important issues in forestry management, interact with their colleagues and forestry management experts, and to exchange lessons and experiences in full support of efforts to propel the forestry sector towards sound forestry governance and to a bigger role in national development. The participation of professional foresters in the government sector will ensure that the said efforts will be successful for the benefit of the current and the future generations of Filipinos.

In this regard, all professional foresters in the NGAs, GOCCs, SUCs, and LGUs are hereby authorized to attend the above-mentioned convention and forum on official travel/business, chargeable against the available funds of the respective agencies of the participants, subject to the existing budgetary, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations, and provided that such attendance will not adversely affect the functions of the respective agencies, specially in the delivery of public service.

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Manila, November 8, 2010

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 7

**FOR: ALL HEADS DEPARTMENTS, AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR -
CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs) AND GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS (GFIs) AND OF AGENCIES UNDER OR ATTACHED TO THE OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT**

It has been observed that request for travel authority and entitlement to travel expenses and allowances relative to the trips abroad, and travel tax exemption, are being submitted to the Office of the President (OP) barely a few days before the date of departure, or even after departure, with incomplete documentation. This hampers the smooth work flow and results to the clogging of documents in this Office. To enable this Office to facilitate the processing of these requests, and to objectively and properly evaluate them, all concerned are hereby enjoined to strictly observe the following regulations:

(1) Submit to the Malacañang Records Office, the requests with complete documentation, at least ten (10) working days prior to the scheduled date of departure. The destination(s), duration of travel, purposes(s), and justification(s) should be clearly spelled out. Facsimile copies or requests will not be processed.

(2) Requests for travel authority, as well as entitlement to travel expenses and allowances, shall include the supporting documents which are enumerated in Annex "A" for Heads of Departments, and Heads of GOCCs and GFIs and of Agencies Under or Attached to OP; and in Annex "B" for Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Directors, and Officials of equivalent ranks, and other Government Personnel. Request for tax exemption for private individuals, groups, or organizations, shall include supporting documents which are detailed in Annex "C".

No representation allowance will be granted to officials who will travel abroad for speaking engagements, and for training/study, and shall in no case exceed One Thousand US Dollars (US\$1,000.00) per travel. Except for long-haul, or flights beyond four (4) hours, airfares shall be limited to restricted economy class.

The daily subsistence allowance (DSA) to cover accommodation, meals, and incidental expenses, shall be based on the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) rate. The DSA rates are specified by UNDP monthly.

Private individuals and consultants are not issued travel authorities and shall not be entitled to government funding when they go abroad.

In extreme unavoidable cases when ten (10) working-day lead time requirement cannot be complied with, the reason(s) or justification(s) for the late submission should be stated in the requests.

Non-compliance with any of the requirements shall be sufficient ground for denial or non-processing of the said requests.

Any official or employee authorized to travel abroad, to attend conferences/seminars/conventions/training, conduct investigations/examinations, or undertake missions, shall submit a report, with recommendation(s), to the Head of Office/Agency, within one (1) month after the return to the official station. In case of the participation of a delegation in conferences/conventions abroad, a report of the delegation shall be submitted to OP through the Secretary of Foreign Affairs not later than one (1) month after the closing of the conference/convention.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, 19 November 2010

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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MEMORANDUM ORDER NO.8

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 13TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF LAWYERS
OF THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES**

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) will be holding the 13th National Convention of Lawyers on April 7, 8 and 9, 2011 at the Subic Bay Exhibition and Convention Center, Subic Bay Exhibition and Convention Center, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, with the theme, "IBP: Living Up to the Standards of Integrity and Competence in the Legal Profession."

The IBP calls the convention every two (2) years as a forum for members to meet and discuss subjects of relevance to members of the legal profession and the nation as a whole.

In this connection, all heads of government agencies, departments, bureaus and offices, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries/units shall authorize their respective lawyers to attend and participate in the 13th National Convention of Lawyers of the IBP on **official time**, at no cost to the government except payment of their salaries, provided such attendance will not adversely affect the functions of their respective offices, as well as, the delivery of services to the public.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, December 8, 2010

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 9

To: All Heads of Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Agencies of the National Government, including State Universities and Colleges (SUCs); Government-Owned and/or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Government Financial Institutions (GFIs); Local Government Units (LGUs); and All Others Concerned

Subject: Government Policy and Procedural/ Documentary Requirements on the Approval/Issuance of Authority to Purchase Motor Vehicles

Pursuant to Section 75, Chapter 7, Book VI of Executive Order (EO) No. 292 (Administrative Code of 1987), and Section 17 (b) of the General Provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 9970 (FY 2010 General Appropriations Act), no government funds shall be utilized for the purchase of motor vehicles, except:

1. When the motor vehicles will be used for the following purposes:
 - i. Those which are necessary for the transportation of patients or victims, e.g. medical ambulance, or for emergency purposes or calamity-related activities, e.g. fire trucks, rescue equipment;
 - ii. Those which are required by the military and police or other enforcement agencies, e.g. patrol vehicles, armoured vehicles, prisoner's van, to maintain peace and order;
 - iii. Those which are necessary in the interest of the public service, e.g. mass transportation vehicles, heavy equipment for road construction, cargo transport, farm machineries, waste management or environmental sanitation;
 - iv. Those which are directly necessary in the business operations or government transactions of front-line agencies;
 - v. Those which will be authorized by the President, Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the Chief Justice;
 - vi. Those which will be used by the President, and the Vice President for security reasons and purposes;
 - vii. Those donated by Foreign Governments and Bilateral and Multilateral Institutions;
 - viii. Those which will be used by visiting foreign dignitaries relating to the maintenance of international relationships or for the conduct of international meetings and other similar activities as part of the government's commitments; or
 - ix. Those which will be used for the implementation of foreign-assisted projects under the Official Development Assistance Programs; and
2. When the specifications of the motor vehicles do not fall within the category of a "luxury vehicle", such as the following motor vehicles enumerated under Section 9.0 of Administrative Order (AO) No. 233, s. 2008:
 - i. Car (sedan or hatchback) with an engine displacement not exceeding 2200cc, if gasoline-fed; or 3000cc, if diesel-fed; and with an engine not exceeding 4 cylinders;
 - ii. Passenger van or pick-up type vehicle with an engine displacement not exceeding 2200cc, if gasoline-fed; or 3000cc, if diesel-fed; and with an engine not exceeding 4 cylinders;

iii. Crossover Utility Vehicle (CUV)/ Multi-Purpose Vehicle (MPV)/ Asian Utility Vehicle (AUV) with an engine displacement not exceeding 2000cc, if gasoline-fed; or 2500cc, if diesel-fed; and with an engine not exceeding 4 cylinders; and

iv. Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) with an engine displacement not exceeding 2700cc, if gasoline-fed; or 3000cc, if diesel-fed; and with an engine not exceeding 4 cylinders.

In this regard, all concerned agencies are prohibited from acquiring and using luxury vehicles for their operations, and to be more prudent in spending government funds, especially in the acquisition of motor vehicles to maximize the utilization of scarce government resources.

Consistent with the existing guidelines embodied under AO No.233, as implemented by DBM Budget Circular No. 2010-2 dated March 1, 2010, this Office hereby adopts the following procedural and basic documentary requirements for the smooth processing of the requests for the approval/issuance of authority to purchase motor vehicles by the Office of the President (OP):

1. All request together with the supporting documents must be submitted to the Budget and Management (DBM) for evaluation and recommendation. However, requests of LGUs directly received by the Malacañang Records Office (MRO) may be acted accordingly by the OP.

2. Such requests must be supported by original or certified true copy of the following documents:

a. For Departments of Independent Offices/Agencies

i. Evaluation and recommendation by the DBM;

ii. Basic letter-request from the Department Secretary or his/her duly authorized representative(s) or from the Head of the Office/Agency, with information on the amount, type, number, and specification of motor vehicles and the purpose/justification and deployment for which such vehicles will be used;

iii. Agency Budget Matrix (ABM) showing the amount for the purpose under the “Needing Clearance” portion of the ABM, if the allotments/appropriations are yet to be released; or

Certification of availability of funds by the Chief Accountant or Head of the Accounting Unit, if the allotments/appropriations are already released or already with the concerned department/ office/ agency; or

Approved special budget and certification from the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr), if the acquisition will be charged against the department’s/ office’s/ agency’s trust funds, trust receipts, trust liability accounts (TLA), and other special accounts, which are deposited with the National Treasury; and

iv. Updated inventory/accounting of all existing motor vehicles showing their status/ conditions/ worthiness (e.g. good, fair, repairable or unserviceable) duly certified by Property/ Supply Officer.

b. For Offices/ Agencies Attached to/ Under the Department

i. Same requirements under Item 2.a (i-iv) of this Memorandum Circular (MC); and

ii. Endorsement from the Department Secretary or his/her duly authorized representative(s), wherein such office/agency is attached.

c. For SUCs/ GOCCs with National Government (NG) allocation/subsidy

i. Same requirements under Item 2.a (i-iv) of this MC;

- ii. Board resolution approving such purchase; and
- iii. Approved operating budget (regular/supplemental)
- d. For GOCCs and GFIs without NG subsidy
 - i. Same requirements under Item 2.a (i,ii, and iv) of this MC;
 - ii. Same requirements under Item 2.c (ii and iii) of this MC;
 - iii. Certification of availability of funds by the Corporate Chief Accountant or Head of the Accounting Unit.
- e. For Local Government Units (LGUs)
 - i. Evaluation and recommendation by the DBM, if the request was coursed through the DBM;
 - ii. Basic letter-request from the Local Chief Executive (LCE), with information on the type, number, and specification of motor vehicles and the purpose/ justification and deployment for which such vehicles will be used;
 - iii. Certification of availability of funds by the Local Accountant or Head of the Accounting Unit, or in his/her absence, the Local Treasurer or Budget Officer;
 - iv. Local ordinance/ resolution approving such purchase; and
 - v. Updated inventory/ accounting of all existing motor vehicles showing their status/ conditions/ worthiness (e.g. good, fair, repairable or unserviceable) duly certified by Property/ Supply officer.
- 3. Non-compliance with any of the above-mentioned requirements shall be sufficient ground for the denial or non-processing of the requests or the return thereof to the requesting party without action.

This memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

(Sgd.) **JOSE AMOR M. AMORADO**
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary

Manila, 14 December 2010

**MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 10

**EXTENDING THE SUBMISSION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT
PLAN (MTPDP) FOR 2011-2016**

Pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 3 the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall coordinate the preparation of the MTPDP and the Medium-Term Public Investment Program for (MTPIP) 2011-2016 to be jointly formulated by the executive and legislative branches of the government in a participative process involving the other sectors of the Philippine society, the marginalized sectors and communities, and private organizations.

In view of the series of workshops and consultations on the “Social Contract with the Filipino People” and the adjournment of the Congressional Sessions from 18 December 2010 to 16 January 2011, the date of submission of the MTPDP 2011-2016 is hereby moved to first week of February 2011.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 11

**DIRECTING A MORATORIUM ON THE TRANSFER OF REGIONAL OFFICES OF ALL
DEPARTMENT AND AGENCIES FROM ZAMBOANGA CITY TO PAGADIAN CITY
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 429, SERIES OF 1990**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 429, series of 1990, reorganized the administrative regions in Mindanao to guarantee the effect delivery of the field services of government agencies by taking into consideration the formation of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of EO 429 reorganized Region IX and designated the Cities of Pagadian And Zamboanga as the regional center and commercial and industrial center, respectively;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Memorandum Circular No. 75, series of 2004, all regional offices of departments were directed to transfer from Zomboanga City to Pagadian City as soon as practicable, except the Department of Trade and Industries, Department of Labor and Employment and Department of Tourism, which shall remain in Zamboanga City but shall establish a presence in Pagadian City;

WHEREAS, since 1990, the Pagadian Regional Center Management and Coordinating Office (PRCMCO) reported that, out of the 121 regional offices of agencies, only 32 have fully transferred from Zamboanga City to Pagadian City, 12 agencies have partially transferred; while six (6) have only established satellite offices;

WHEREAS, the employees of regional offices have experienced, or are experiencing high economic and social costs in maintaining two residences and in fully transferring to Pagadian City;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR., Executive Secretary, by the authority of the President, **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, do hereby order;

SECTION 1. All departments, bureaus and other government agencies are enjoined to suspend the transfer of their offices in Region IX from Zamboanga City to Pagadian City pending the study on the matter and consultations with relevant stakeholders to be jointly conducted by the Presidential Management Staff (PMS), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Civil Service Commission (CSC), National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

The Regional Offices that are already in Pagadian City shall continue to operate thereat.

SECTION 2. The above-mentioned Departments and Agencies tasked to conduct the study on the matter shall immediately submit a comprehensive report of their finding together with their recommendations to the President thirty (30) working days after the issuance of this Memorandum Circular.

SECTION 3. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

(Sgd.) **JOSE AMOR M. AMORADO**
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary

Manila, 22 December 2010

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 11-A

**EXTENDING THE SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT OF THE INTER-AGENCY STUDY ON
THE REGION IX REGIONAL CENTER TRANSFER AND ITS IMPACT ON THE REGION**

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 11, dated ss22 December 2010, directed the Presidential Management Staff (PMS), the National Economic and Development Agency (NEDA), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Civil Service Commission (CSC), and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in thirty (30) working days from the issuance of said Memorandum Circular to conduct a study and stakeholders' dialogue on the issues and concerns on the transfer of the Regional Center of region IX from Zamboanga City to Pagadian City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAQUITO N. OCHOA JR., executive Secretary, by authority of His Excellency **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The date of submission of the final report of the inter-agency study on the Region IX Regional Center Transfer and its impact on the region is hereby extended for thirty eight (38) working days from 07 February 2011 or until 31 March 2011.

SECTION 2. The Memorandum Circular amends Memorandum Circular No. 11, series 2010.

SECTION 3. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 12

**AUTHORIZING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO
EXTEND SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CONDUCT OF THE “KABISIG
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT EXPO AND TRADE FAIR 2011”**

The KABISIG People’s Movement (KABISIG) Program was created by virtue of Proclamation No. 650 series of 1990, in order to facilitate, coordinate and monitor the implementation of government programs and projects, as well as to provide linkages between and among the private sector groups and the government agencies and instrumentalities.

In pursuit of the above mandate, KABISIG is conducting the **“KABISIG National Government Expo and Trade Fair 2011”** having the theme **“Maging Mabuting Pilipino: Makialam, Maki-alam at Makipagtulungan sa Pamahalaan”**, on the following dates and venues: January 11-14, 2011 at Davao International Trade Center, Davao City, February 22-25, 2011 at Cebu International Convention Center, Cebu City, and on June 10-14, 2011 at SM Mall of Asia.

The project which aims to bring together in one venue all government agencies and instrumentalities, as well as Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Government Financial Institutions (GFIs), will likewise feature the profiles, service facilities and programs, projects, products and accomplishments of the national government and accomplishments of the national government and said agencies and instrumentalities. Also, it is an opportunity to promote public awareness and understanding of how the government works thereby promoting increased public participation in national development.

In this connection, all heads of government departments, agencies, GOCCs and other government instrumentalities or financial institutions are hereby enjoined to extend support to- and participation in- said expo and trade fair.

All government agencies and instrumentalities in said expo and trade fair may authorize the participation of their respective offices with corresponding participation fee and other incidental expenses chargeable against the appropriations of each office, subject to the availability of funds and usual accounting and auditing rules.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Manila, Philippines, 09 December 2010

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 13

**ENJOINING ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES
AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING
GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AS WELL AS LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE
25TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDSA PEOPLE POWER REVOLUTION OF 1986**

On 22-25 February 1986, the EDSA People Power Revolution restored democratic institutions and ushered in meaningful political, social, and economic reforms in the country. It was a moment in our history when millions of Filipinos bravely united for democratic reforms through peaceful means which earned our country the respect and admiration of the world.

Relative thereto, this year's celebration will bear the theme **"EDSA 25: PILIPINO AKO. AKO ANG LAKAS NG PAGBABAGO,"** to be spearheaded by the EDSA People Power Commission (EPPC). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 82, series of 1999, as amended by Executive Order No. 17, series of 2010, the EPPC is mandated to initiate activities that will expand awareness of the principles and values that the EDSA People Power Revolution stands for, and to plan, organize and implement the yearly commemoration of the EDSA People Power Revolution every 25th of February.

In this connection, all departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned and controlled corporations as well as local government units are hereby enjoined to participate in the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution through the following activities:

1. Active participation in all activities and events, from 17 to 27 February 2011, organized by the EPPC and non-government organizations;
2. Assistance in the programs and activities planned by the EPPC to ensure effective implementation and execution thereof;
3. Conduct of related activities (fora, lectures, film showing, tree planting, and other similar activities);
4. Display of **"EDSA 25: PILIPINO AKO. AKO ANG LAKAS NG PAGBABAGO"** banners and/or tarpaulins in all government offices as well as putting up of yellow buntings and/or flags; and,
5. Undertake close coordination with the EPPC as regards the programs and activities for the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 4th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 14

Upon the recommendation of the Department of Science and Technology and the PAG-ASA and in view of the continuing inclement weather brought about by heavy rains, work in government offices in the National Capital Region is hereby suspended today, 24 June 2011 from 1:00 p.m. onwards.

However, those agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital public services shall continue with their operations and render the necessary services.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, 24 June 2011.

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 15

MISSING ISSUANCE

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 16

TO: ALL AGENCIES UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 27 (e), Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987, the Executive Secretary shall “exercise supervision, in behalf of the President, over the various agencies under the Office of the President”, consisting of offices placed under the chairmanship of the President, those under the supervision and control of the President, those under the administrative supervision of the Office of the President, those attached to it for policy and program coordination, and those that are not placed by law or order creating them under any specific department

All agencies under the Office of the President are hereby directed to submit their agencies’ strategic plan (**Annex A**) and program / activity / project targets and accomplishments (**Annex B**), in the specified formats, for the purposes of improving alignment, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation of agencies’ performance, within fifteen (15) days from the issuance of this Circular.

This issuance shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, July 29, 2011

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 17

Upon the recommendation of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and in view of the continuing inclement weather brought about by Typhoon “Kabayan,” work in government offices and classes in college level in the National Capital Region are hereby suspended today, 2 August 2011 from 1:00pm onwards.

However, those agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital public services shall continue with their operations and render the necessary services.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, 2 August 2011

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 18

To address incidents related to transport strikes in Metro Manila, the functions of the Presidential Task Force on Transport Strike and Mass Action (TRASMA), headed by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman, created under Executive Order No. 243 (s. 2000) are hereby reiterated, to take charge of government actions and responses on transport strikes and similar incidents, specifically, but not limited to the following:

1. Provision of alternative transportation;
2. Logistical support;
3. Maintenance of peace and order;
4. Security to non-participating transport groups/individuals; and
5. Apprehension and filing of charges for violation of applicable laws, rules and regulations relative to the conduct of transport strikes.

For this purpose, the MMDA shall immediately convene the Task Force to work on detailed actions and contingency plans to address issues and concerns in the event that a transport strike happens.

In cases of transport strikes outside Metro Manila, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is hereby directed to lead in the conduct of necessary actions and responses therein.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, 14 September 2011.

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 19

**DIRECTING ALL CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PLAN, PREPARE, AND
CONDUCT ACTIVITIES IN OBSERVANCE OF THE SAVE SIERRA MADRE DAY
PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION NO. 233 (S. 2011)**

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 233 (s, 2011) declared 26 September 2011 as Save Sierra Madre Day;

WHEREAS, the continuous destruction, deforestation, and deterioration of the Sierra Madre area has worsened flooding as can be seen in the devastation brought about by Typhoon *Ondoy*;

WHEREAS, ecological and environmental groups laud and commend the efforts of the government in protecting and preserving the Sierra Madre region through the proclamation of Save Sierra Madre Day;

WHEREAS, there is a need to raise the awareness of the general public about environmental issues and problems that plague the Sierra Madre area in order to preserve and protect the ecological balance of the forests and ecosystems and to prevent tragedies and calamities brought about by climate change and man-made activities; and,

WHEREAS, the government must do its part in protecting the environment by helping raise public awareness about the threat of climate change and environmental degradation and to lead the public in the preservation of the rich biodiversity of the country, in particular the Sierra Madre area.

The concerned government agencies are directed as follows:

SECTION 1. Preparations for Save Sierra Madre Day. The following concerned government agencies are hereby directed to plan, prepare, and conduct activities in the observance of Save Sierra Madre Day:

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

Department of Education (DepEd)

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)

Climate Change Commission (CCC)

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC)

The concerned government agencies shall conduct activities such as but not limited to the following:

a) Harmonize all related environmental programs and activities of government agencies in observance of Save Sierra Madre Day;

b) Conduct information, education, and awareness campaigns in schools and for the general public on climate change adaptation and mitigation and environmental protection in relation to the Sierra Madre area;

c) Institute strategic awareness on disaster preparedness and prevention;

d) Mobilize local participation through consultations and dialogues with concerned stakeholders, other government agencies, civil society and the private sector on the problems and challenges affecting the Sierra Madre area; and,

e) Formulate plans and conduct program of activities aimed at promoting environment awareness, protection and preservation.

SECTION. 2. Collaborating Agencies. Other government agencies, such as but not limited to government media and information offices and local government units (LGUs), are hereby enjoined to assist and coordinate in the conduct of activities for Save Sierra Madre Day.

SECTION. 3. Coordination and Participation of Civil Society and Non-Government Organizations. All concerned government agencies are hereby directed to coordinate and ensure the participation of civil society (CSO) and non-government organizations (NGOs) in the conduct of activities for Save Sierra Madre Day. Full cooperation and assistance shall be given to CSOs and NGOs in the observance of this day.

SECTION. 4. Funding. Subject to prescribed budgetary guidelines and government auditing rules and regulations, all government agencies concerned are directed to allocate funds from available sources to cover the operational requirements for the conduct of activities in compliance with this Circular.

SECTION. 5. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION. 6. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 26th day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 20

Upon the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and in view of the continuing inclement weather brought about by Typhoon “Pedring,” work in government offices and classes in college level in the National Capital Region are hereby suspended today, 27 September 2011.

However, those agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital public services shall continue with their operations and render the necessary services.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Manila, 27 September 2011.

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 21

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 10th NATIONAL CAREER EXECUTIVE
SERVICE CONFERENCE**

The Career Executive Service Board (CESB) and the National Union of Career Executive Service Officers (NUCESO) will hold the 2011 Annual Career Executive Service (CES) Conference on 9-11 November 2011 at the Garden Orchid Hotel, Zamboanga City. This year's conference theme is "*Taas noo, CESO! Pamumunong Tapat at Wasto, Dangal at Gating ng Serbisyo.*"

The Conference seeks to underscore the role of Career Executive Service Officers (CESOs) in the thrust to effect transformational change among public service leaders. The Conference sessions will focus discussions on the five (5) pillars of President Aquino's *Social Contract with the Filipino People*, and the essential roles of CESOs in ensuring policy and program continuity amidst shifts and political and administrative transition.

All CESOs, Career Executive Service Eligibles (CESE) and Career Service Executive Eligibles (CSEE) are enjoined to attend the said conference. The conference fee is Php 8,500.00 per participant, inclusive of hotel accommodation, meals and conference materials. Conference participants may charge said fee and their travel expenses against the funds of their respective agencies in accordance with the existing policies of the Department of Budget and Management (QBM) and the Commission on Audit (COA). Since the conduct of this conference is considered a core function of the CESB, the same is not subject to the provisions of Administrative Order No. 103 (s. 2004).

All heads of government agencies, departments, bureaus and offices, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations, and their subsidiaries/units shall authorize their respective officials and employees to attend and participate in this 2011 Annual CES National Conference on official business.

Manila, Philippines, 28th day of September 2011.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 21-A

**AMENDING THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 21 (s. 2011)
BY CHANGING THE VENUE FROM ZAMBOANGA CITY TO PASAY CITY**

The first paragraph of Memorandum Circular No. 21 (s.2011) is hereby amended to read as follows:

*“The Career Executive Service Board (CESB) and the National Union of Career Executive Service Officers (NUCESO) will hold the 2011 Annual Career Executive Service (CES) Conference on 9-11 November 2011 at **The Heritage Hotel Manila, Roxas Boulevard corner EDSA, Pasay City**. This year’s conference theme is “Taas noo, CESO! Pamumunong Tapat at Wasto, Dangal at Gating ng Serbisyo.”*

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Manila, Philippines, 20th day of October 2011.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 22

**DIRECTING ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAs) AND ENJOINING
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO EXTEND FULL SUPPORT BY
ENCOURAGING THEIR CONSTITUENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF
THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (IPs) MONTH IN OCTOBER 2011 THROUGH
THE DA YAW FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN TAGUM CITY AND OTHER COMMUNITIES
IN DAVAO DEL NORTE, COMPOSTELA VALLEY AND DAVAO CITY**

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 1906 (s. 2009) declared the month of October as the IPs Month;

WHEREAS, the IPs Month is celebrated yearly through the initiatives of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)-Sub-Commission on Cultural Communities and Traditional Arts (SCCTA), in cooperation with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Education (DepEd), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA);

WHEREAS, the NCCA, through the SCCTA, organized the *Dayaw* IPs Festival to celebrate this year's IPs Month;

WHEREAS, the *Dayaw* IPs Festival is national in scope, and potentially international, thus requiring cooperation from all sectors of Philippine society and support from concerned NGAs and LGUs; and,

WHEREAS, the *Dayaw* Festival, set on 7-9 October 2011, is organized in partnership with the Davao-based non-government organization (NGO) Mindanawnon, Tagum City Tourism Council and the Tagum City Government, to be held in Tagum City, Davao del Norte, with community outreach and cultural exchanges in Compostela Valley, Davao City and Davao del Norte, with the theme "*Paghahabi ng Ating Pagkakatulad Tungo sa Kapayapaan*" (Interweaving our Commonalities towards Peace);

The concerned NGAs and LGUs are hereby enjoined to extend full support and encourage their constituencies to participate in the celebration of the *Dayaw* IPs Festival 2011.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 29th day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 23

**AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION ON OFFICIAL TIME OF CONCERNED
PERSONNEL IN DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND
CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS, AND STATE
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN THE 2011 MORAL RECOVERY PROGRAM (MRP)
CONVENTION SEMINAR ON NOVEMBER 9-11, 2011**

The Moral Recovery Officers Foundation, Inc. will hold the 2011 Moral Recovery Program (MRP) Convention-Seminar on November 9-11, 2011 at the Balanghai Hotel, Butuan City.

In this connection, concerned personnel in departments, bureaus, and agencies of the national government, local government units, government-owned and controlled corporations with original charters, and state universities and colleges are hereby authorized to participate in the above-mentioned Convention **on official time only**, at no cost to the government, except payment of their salaries, provided such attendance will not adversely affect the functions of their respective offices as well as the delivery of services to the public.

SO ORDERED.

Manila, Philippines, 27 October 2011

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 24

**ENJOINING ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO SUPPORT THE 2011
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WEEK ON DECEMBER 4 TO 10 2011**

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 1130 dated 11 November 1997, the first week of December of every year has been declared as National Government Employees' Week. The proclamation aims to recognize the invaluable services rendered by deserving government employees and to underscore their contribution to nation building. For this year's celebration, the theme is "*Kawani ng Gobyerno: Kaakibat sa Pagbabago.*"

In this regard, officials and employees in all departments, bureaus and agencies of the national government, including government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), government financial institutions (GFIs) and state universities and colleges, as well as local government units and government employees' organizations are hereby enjoined to observe and participate in appropriate activities for a meaningful observance and celebration of National Government Employees' Week in coordination with other concerned agencies.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 27th day of October in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 25

**ENJOINING ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES
AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE OBSERVANCE OF
CLIMATE CHANGE CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK FROM 19–25 NOVEMBER 2011**

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 1667 (s. 2008) declared 19–25 November 2008 and every year thereafter as the Global Warming and Climate Change Consciousness Week;

WHEREAS, the Proclamation aims to create awareness on global warming and climate change through broad and intensive information and educational campaigns and seeks to secure the collective cooperation of all citizens as well as the collective action of the private and public sectors at all levels in finding solutions to the threats of a changing climate; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Commission (CCC) shall spearhead the observance of the Climate Change Consciousness Week in partnership with the Cabinet Cluster on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (CCAM).

All officials and employees of government agencies and instrumentalities, including GOCCs, and local government units (LGUs), are hereby enjoined to actively participate in and support the awareness campaign. The Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) and the Public Information Agency (PIA) shall provide media support to the event. Government offices are also enjoined to conduct related activities during the said week.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 28th day of October in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 26

**ENJOINING ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO SUPPORT THE
“BAYANIHAN NG BAYAN” ON 25-28 JANUARY 2012**

In view of the grave destruction in Iligan City and Cagayan de Oro City brought about by Typhoon “Sendong,” the “Bayanihan ng Bayan” event will be held on 25-28 January 2012 in Iligan City. The event aims to illustrate the collective response and various ways Filipinos can help the victims of the typhoon. It also intends to gather commitments from all over the country to rebuild the devastated areas of Northern Mindanao.

In this regard, officials and employees in all departments, bureaus and agencies of the national government, including Government-Owned and -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) are hereby enjoined to support and participate in the activities for the success of the event.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 25th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and twelve.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 27

**ENJOINING ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES
AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING
GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AS WELL AS LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE
26th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDSA PEOPLE POWER REVOLUTION OF 1986**

On 22-25 February 1986, the EDSA People Power Revolution restored democratic institutions and ushered in meaningful political, social, and economic reforms in the country. It was a moment in our history when millions of Filipinos bravely united for democratic reforms through peaceful means which earned our country the respect and admiration of the world.

Relative thereto, this year's celebration will bear the theme **"ANONG TAYA MO PARA SA PILIPINAS NATIN?"** to be spearheaded by the EDSA People Power Commission (EPPC). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 82, series of 1999, as amended by Executive Order No. 17, series of 2010, the EPPC is mandated to initiate activities that will expand awareness of the principles and values that the EDSA People Power Revolution stands for, and to plan, organize and implement the yearly commemoration of the EDSA People Power Revolution every 25th of February.

In this connection, all departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned and controlled corporations as well as local government units are hereby enjoined to participate in the celebration of the 26th Anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution through the following activities:

1. Active participation in all activities and events, from 14 to 25 February 2012, organized by the EPPC and non-government organizations;
2. Assistance in the programs and activities planned by the EPPC to ensure effective implementation and execution thereof;
3. Conduct of related activities (fora, lectures, film showing, community services and other similar activities);
4. Display of **"EDSA 26: ANONG TAYA MO PARA SA PILIPINAS NATIN?"** banners and/or tarpaulins in all government offices as well as putting up of yellow buntings and/or flags; and,
5. Undertake close coordination with the EPPC as regards the programs and activities for the celebration of the 26th Anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 28

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE BIENNIAL REGIONAL CONVENTION OF THE
INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES (IBP) – BICOL REGION**

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) – Bicol Region will be holding its Biennial Regional Convention and 36 – Unit Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) on 28 – 31 March 2012 at the Villa Caceres Hotel, Magsaysay Ave., Naga City, with the theme “IBP Bicolandia: Affirming its Role in Society as Partner of the People and of the Courts in the Quest for Truth, Justice and the Rule of Law.” The event will be hosted by IBP – Camarines Sur.

In this connection, all heads of government agencies, departments, bureaus and offices, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries/units in the Bicol Region (specifically Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Albay, Sorsogon, Masbate and Catanduanes) shall authorize their lawyers to attend and participate in the said Regional Convention **onofficial time**, at no cost to the government except payment of their salaries, provided such attendance will not adversely affect the functions of their respective offices, as well as, the delivery of services to the public.

March 28, 2012

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 29

**DIRECTING ALL CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PLAN, PREPARE, AND
CONDUCT ACTIVITIES FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE PUERTO PRINCESA
UNDERGROUND RIVER (PPUR) AS ONE OF THE NEW SEVEN WONDERS OF NATURE
(N7WN), PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION NO. 182 (S. 2011)**

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 182 (s. 2011) declared a national and international promotion campaign in support of PPUR as the country's lone entry and finalist in the search for the N7WN;

WHEREAS, the same Proclamation created the PPUR-N7WN Campaign Task Force tasked to undertake an aggressive voting campaign at the national and local levels in order that the PPUR could make it as one of the N7WN;

WHEREAS, on 28 January 2012, the N7WN foundation through its President and Founder, Mr. Bernard Weber, officially proclaimed the PPUR as one of the N7WN;

WHEREAS, the triumph of the PPUR has made it as a world-renowned tourist spot and will attract international interest that will benefit the country in terms of tourism and investment; and

WHEREAS, being one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature, it is imperative that the PPUR be given due recognition through an inauguration ceremony which will be held in One Esplanade Mall of Asia, Pasay City on 21 April 2012, to be followed by another one in Puerto Princesa City.

NOW THEREFORE, the concerned government agencies are hereby directed as follows:

SECTION 1. Preparations for the Inauguration of PPUR as one of the N7WN. To ensure the success of the PPUR Inauguration activities, the PPUR-N7WN Campaign Task Force organized under Proclamation 182 is hereby directed to take charge of the inauguration program in Metro Manila, and convene immediately to plan, prepare and undertake all activities related to the inauguration, as well as to mobilize the contingent for the said event.

SECTION 2. Collaborating agencies. The following agencies are hereby directed to coordinate and assist the PPUR Campaign Task Force in the conduct of activities for the PPUR Inauguration:

- a. Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH);
- b. Chairperson, Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA);
- c. Executive Director, National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP);
- d. Director General, Philippine National Police (PNP); and
- e. Other relevant agencies.

Other concerned Local Government Units (LGUs) are likewise enjoined to render the necessary assistance to the PPUR-N7WN Campaign Task Force in the conduct of activities for the PPUR Inauguration.

SECTION 3. Funding. Subject to prescribed budgetary guidelines and government auditing rules and regulations, all government agencies concerned are authorized to allocate funds from available sources to cover the operational requirements for the conduct of activities in compliance with this Circular.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All other issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this circular are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 12th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 30

**DIRECTING THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE BAMBOO INDUSTRY
DEVELOPMENT (PBID) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 879 (s. 2010) directed that PBID shall be made a priority program of the government and created the PBID Council which will provide the overall policy and direction of the PBID program;

WHEREAS, the PBID Council is chaired by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and composed of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Agriculture (DA), the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP), and representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Private Industry Associations (PIAs);

WHEREAS, EO 26 (s. 2011), otherwise known as the National Greening Program (NGP), declared that the NGP, which is also a priority program of the government, shall harmonize all tree-planting and greening activities;

WHEREAS, EO 26 included bamboo among the list of preferred species for propagation in areas eligible for development under the NGP; and

WHEREAS, the DA, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and DENR are mandated under EO 23 (s. 2011) to develop the NGP in cooperation with DepEd, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), private sector and other concerned agencies and instrumentalities.

NOW THEREFORE, the PBID Council and the DENR, as the lead agency for NGP, shall harmonize the PBID Program with the NGP and identify areas of cooperation and convergence. In the implementation of the PBID Program, the PBID Council may request for assistance and cooperation from other government agencies, the private sector and other stakeholders.

All departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, state universities and colleges (SUCs), government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) and local government units (LGUs) are hereby enjoined to support the full implementation of the PBID Program.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila this 30th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 31

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION ON OFFICIAL TIME OF LAWYERS IN CENTRAL
LUZON IN THE REGIONAL CONVENTION OF THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE
PHILIPPINES**

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) Central Luzon Region will be holding its Regional Convention on June 28 to 30, 2012 at the Mimosa Convention Hall, Clarkfield, Pampanga, with the theme, "The IBP Promoting Integrity and Accountability in the Justice System."

In the said IBP Convention, a Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Seminar will be conducted.

In this connection, all heads of government agencies, departments, bureaus and offices, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries/units in the Central Luzon Region, shall authorize their respective lawyers to attend and participate in the abovementioned IBP Regional Convention on **official time**, at no cost to the government except payment of their salaries, provided such attendance will not adversely affect the functions of their respective offices, as well as, the delivery of services to the public.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, June 6, 2012

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 32

Upon the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and in view of the continuing inclement weather brought about by storm “Gener,” work in government offices and classes in college level in the National Capital Region are hereby suspended today, 30 July 2012 from 2:30 p.m. onwards.

However, those agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital public services shall continue with their operations and render the necessary services.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, 30 July 2012.

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 33

Upon the recommendation of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and in view of the continuing inclement weather brought about by southwest monsoon (habagat), work in government offices and classes in college level in the National Capital Region and the provinces of Zambales, Bataan, Pampanga, Pangasinan, Tarlac, Bulacan, Laguna, Cavite, and Rizal are hereby suspended today, 07 August 2012.

However, those agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital public services shall continue with their operations and render the necessary services.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, 07 August 2012.

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 33-A

Upon the recommendation of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and in view of the continuing inclement weather brought about by southwest monsoon (habagat), work in all offices in the private sector in the National Capital Region and the provinces of Zambales, Bataan, Pampanga, Pangasinan, Tarlac, Bulacan, Laguna, Cavite, and Rizal are hereby suspended today, 07 August 2012.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, 07 August 2012.

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 34

Upon the recommendation of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and in view of the continuing inclement weather brought about by southwest monsoon (habagat), classes in all levels in the National Capital Region, provinces of Zambales, Bataan, Pampanga, Pangasinan, Tarlac, Bulacan, Laguna, Cavite and Rizal will be suspended tomorrow, 09 August 2012.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Manila, 08 August 2012.

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 35

**ENJOINING ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES
AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE OBSERVANCE OF
CLIMATE CHANGE CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK FROM 19-25 NOVEMBER 2012**

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 1667 (s. 2008) declared 19-25 November 2008 and every year thereafter as the Global Warming and Climate Change Consciousness Week;

WHEREAS, the Proclamation aims to create awareness on global warming and climate change through broad and intensive information and educational campaigns and seeks to secure the collective cooperation of all citizens as well as the collective action of the private and public sectors at all levels in finding solutions to the threats of a changing climate; and,

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Commission (CCC) shall spearhead the observance of the Climate Change Consciousness Week in partnership with the Cabinet Cluster on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (CCAM).

NOW THEREFORE, all officials and employees of government agencies and instrumentalities, including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), and local government units (LGUs), are hereby enjoined to actively participate and support the awareness campaign. The Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) and the Public Information Agency (PIA) shall provide the needed media support to the event. Government offices are also enjoined to conduct related activities during the said week.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 14th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 36

**CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE
FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND INTERMENT OF THE LATE JESSE M.
ROBREDO, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, Jesse M. Robredo, Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, tragically died on 18 August 2012, to the deep sorrow of the Philippine Nation;

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the State renders honor to the late Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, commensurate with the peoples' affection and admiration for him; and,

WHEREAS, these honors and all forms of official recognition must be done in accordance with law, wishes of the bereaved family of the late Secretary, and the fullest participation of the agencies he headed and the people he represented.

NOW THEREFORE, I, PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR, Executive Secretary, by authority of the President of the Philippines, do hereby create a Committee on Funeral Arrangements and Burial, composed of the following offices/entities:

Office of the Executive Secretary

Presidential Management Staff

Department of the Interior and Local Government

Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office

Office of the Presidential Spokesperson

Armed Forces of the Philippines

Philippine National Police

Office of Presidential Protocol

Malacañang Social Office

Appointments Office

Presidential Security Group

The Committee may call on any government entities and enjoin the support of concerned non-government organizations (NGOs) and the private sector as may be necessary to assist in the performance of its functions.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 21st day of August in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 37

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 11th ANNUAL CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE
CONFERENCE**

The Career Executive Service Board (CESB) and the National Union of Career Executive Service Officers (NUCESO) will hold the 2012 Annual CES Conference on 14-16 November 2012 at the Garden Orchid Hotel, Zamboanga City. This year's conference theme is ***"Going 4G! Good to Great, Green Governance."***

The theme's buzz phrase "Going 4G" seeks to remind Career Executive Service Officers (CESOs) and the current public managers about next year's 40th CES year and more importantly, how the current CESOs have evolved as the fourth generation of public managers who distinguish themselves with the tradition of competence, integrity and excellence in service.

All CESOs / Career Executive Service Eligibles (CESEs) and Career Service Executive Eligibles (CSEEs) are enjoined to attend the said conference. The conference registration fee is P 4,500.00 per participant on live-out basis.

The said fee shall cover two (2) morning and afternoon snacks, two (2) buffet lunch, two (2) buffet dinner, administrative costs for training resource persons and training materials. Participants may charge the conference fee, hotel accommodation and travel expenses against the funds of their respective agencies in accordance with the existing policies of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and Commission on Audit (COA).

Since the conduct of this conference is considered a core function of the CESB, the same is not subject to the provisions of Administrative Order No. 103 (s. 2004).

Participants will be conferred sixteen (16) hours of training credits by the CESB as part of its commitment to lifelong learning and career growth of CESOs and eligibles.

All heads of government agencies, departments, bureaus and offices shall authorize their respective officials and employees to attend and participate in this 2012 Annual CES National Conference, on official business.

Manila, Philippines, 11th day of September 2012.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 38

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 14TH IBP NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF LAWYERS OF THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES**

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines will be holding the 14th National Convention of Lawyers on January 16-18, 2013 in Davao City, with the theme “IBP at 40: No Master But Law; No Guide But Conscience; No Aim But Justice.”

The IBP calls the convention every two (2) years as a forum for members to meet and discuss subjects of relevance to members of the legal profession and the nation as a whole.

In this connection, all heads of government agencies, departments, bureaus and offices, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries/units shall authorize their respective lawyers to attend and participate in the 14th National Convention of Lawyers of the IBP **on official time**, at no cost to the government except payment of their salaries, provided such attendance will not adversely affect the functions of their respective offices, as well as, the delivery of services to the public.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

29 October 2012

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 39

**ENJOINING ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO SUPPORT THE
2012 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WEEK ON DECEMBER 2 TO 8 2012**

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 1130 (s. 1997), the first week of December of every year has been declared as National Government Employees' Week. The proclamation aims to recognize the invaluable services rendered by deserving government employees and to underscore their contribution to nation building.

For this year's celebration of the National Government Employees' Week, the theme is ***"Government Employees: United in Ensuring Social Protection, Welfare and Economic Development."***

In this regard, officials and employees in all departments, bureaus and agencies of the national government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs), government financial institutions (GFIs) and state universities and colleges, as well as local government units and government employees organizations are hereby enjoined to observe and participate in appropriate activities for a meaningful observance and celebration of National Government Employees' Week in coordination with other concerned agencies.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila this 13th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 40

**ENJOINING ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO SUPPORT THE
“MARCH TO RIGHTEOUSNESS” ON 9 DECEMBER 2012**

The United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) designated December 9 as international Anti-Corruption Day. The Philippines, as a State Party to UNCAC, affirms and supports its observance.

As part of the celebration of Anti-Corruption Day, the Office of the Ombudsman will spearhead a ***“March to Righteousness”*** on 9 December 2012, 5:00 to 9:00 a.m., at the Quezon City Memorial Circle, with the central theme **“Katiwalian Wakasan! Tuloy ang Laban!”**

All departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, including GOCCs, local government units (LGUs) and state universities and colleges in the National Capital Region, are hereby enjoined to attend and participate in the celebration.

Regional offices are likewise encouraged to undertake activities to celebrate Anti-Corruption Day in conjunction with the central theme at no cost to government.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 16th of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 41

**ENJOINING ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES
OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO SEND NOMINEES TO THE PUBLIC
MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, in pursuit of realizing the President's goal of a professionalized and competent government bureaucracy, we are investing in a career executive service development program – the Public Management Development Program (PMDP), a purposive, program-based, and integrated professional development program that provides a clear direction towards professionalizing the bureaucracy by producing a corps of development-oriented, competent, dedicated, and accountable government executives; and,

WHEREAS, the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) has been tasked to implement this Program by harnessing its institutional experience and its mandate to carry out human resource development programs designed to instill development perspectives and advance management capability in the leadership of key sectors of the government.

NOW THEREFORE, all heads of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the National Government are hereby enjoined to send nominees to the 2013 PMDP.

The program description and requirements are attached hereto for reference.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 19th day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Manila**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 42

To:	All Department Secretaries and Officials with Cabinet Rank
Re:	Designation of Acting Secretaries/OICs

All Department Secretaries and Officials with Cabinet Rank are hereby directed to refrain from designating Acting Secretaries/OICs over their respective departments, agencies, or offices in the event of their temporary absence or inability to discharge their office. Instead, each Department Secretary and Cabinet-ranking Official shall, within three (3) working days from receipt of this Memorandum Circular, submit to this Office a list of at least two (2) selected subordinates from which the President may choose an Acting Secretary/OIC whenever the need arises.

It shall be the responsibility of the Department Secretary or Cabinet-ranking Official to inform this Office of any update or modification to the aforesaid list.

The submission of the list mentioned above shall not diminish the President's authority to designate any person of his own choice pursuant to Section 17, Book III of the Administrative Code (E.O. 292 series of 1987).

For your compliance.

Done this 26th day of December, 2012 in the City of Manila.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 43

**DIRECTING THE UPDATING OF THE PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (PDP) AND
REVALIDATION OF THE RESULTS MATRIX AND THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT
PROGRAM (PIP) FOR 2011-2016**

Section 9, Article XII of the 1987 Constitution mandates the economic and planning agency of the Government to formulate and implement continuing, coordinated and fully integrated social and economic policies, plans and programs.

Guided by the President's "Social Contract with Filipino People," in furtherance of Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 3 (s. 2010), and in view of the need to evaluate the results of the strategies, programs and projects identified in the PDP and PIP, the following are hereby directed as follows:

1. The National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) shall organize inter-agency planning committees to facilitate the updating of the PDP and revalidation of the results matrix and the PIP, to cover the remaining plan period.
2. In undertaking the updating and revalidation activities, NEDA shall enlist the participation of the executive and legislative branches of government, together with the regional and local development councils.
3. All government agencies, departments, offices and instrumentalities, including Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), are hereby enjoined to participate in this activity and to fully comply with the guidelines and timetable to be issued by NEDA.
4. The updated PDP and revalidated results matrix and PIP shall be submitted to the NEDA Board and the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC).
5. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall identify and facilitate the release of the funds necessary for the attainment of the objectives of this Circular, subject to the usual accounting and auditing requirements.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 4th of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 44

ENJOINING ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR-CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AS WELL AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE 27TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDSA PEOPLE POWER REVOLUTION OF 1986

The 27th Year Anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution will be celebrated on 25 February 2013. This event will provide all of us with an opportunity to recall the unity displayed by the country and to rekindle the virtues that our people displayed during the bloodless revolution at EDSA. The EDSA event demonstrates how we care and share as a people and how we are capable of great courage in moments of overwhelming adversity.

Relative thereto, the EDSA People Power Commission (EPPC) has been tasked to coordinate the national celebration of this event pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 82 (s. 1999), as amended by EO No. 17 (s. 2010). The EPPC is further mandated to initiate activities and programs that promote awareness of the principles and values that the EDSA People Power Revolution represent, as well as to plan, organize, and implement the yearly commemoration of the EDSA People Power Revolution every 25th of February.

In this regard, all departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned or-controlled corporations, as well as local government units (LGUs), are encouraged to extend full support and cooperation to the programs and activities that shall be held and organized for this purpose, as well as engage in the following activities recommended by the EPPC:

1. **EDSA People Power Revolution Model** – Salubungan of Military and Civilians – programs that highlight how civilians and the military can work together in support of a common goal and ideal.
2. **Programs in Provinces/Cities/Municipalities commemorating the EDSA People Power Revolution** – simple programs in provinces/cities/municipalities commemorating the spirit of EDSA.
3. **Opening up Military Camps and PNP offices to the public** – celebrates the role of the military in the success of the People Power Revolution. This involves simple gatherings and programs wherein camps and offices shall welcome civilian visitors.
4. **EDSA People Power Parades** – activities that will showcase the festivity of EDSA People Power together with the LGUs, schools/students, and civilians in provinces/cities/municipalities.
5. **Project Oriented Celebrations** – support for projects and programs spearheaded by EPPC Provincial Councils.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th of February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 45

**AUTHORIZING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO
EXTEND SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE “KABISIG PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT
EXPO AND TRADE FAIR 2013”**

The KABISIG People’s Movement (KABISIG) Program was created by virtue of Proclamation No. 650 (s. 1990) in order to facilitate, coordinate and monitor the implementation of government programs and projects, as well as to provide linkages between and among the private sector groups and the government agencies and instrumentalities.

In pursuit of the above mandate, KABISIG is conducting the **“KABISIG Philippine Government Expo and Trade Fair 2013”** having the theme **“Kaalaman ng Mamamayan: Kabalikat sa Matuwid na Daan.”** The project aims to bring together in one venue all government agencies and instrumentalities, including Government-Owned or –Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Local Government Units (LGUs), to feature their profiles, service facilities, programs, projects, products and accomplishments. It is also an opportunity that will allow the government to promote public awareness and participation in national development.

In this regard, all heads of departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, including GOCCs and LGUs, are hereby encouraged to extend support and participate in the said expo and trade fair, subject to the availability of funds and usual accounting and auditing rules.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Manila, Philippines 22 February 2013

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 46

**AUTHORIZING ALL GOVERNMENT DENTISTS TO EXTEND SUPPORT AND
PARTICIPATE IN THE “10TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE PHILIPPINE DENTAL
ASSOCIATION”**

The Philippine Dental Association (PDA) will host the 104th Annual Convention of PDA to be held at the SM Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City on 09-14 April 2013, with the theme: **“Intensifying Professionalism.”**

The convention is in accordance with Republic Act No. 9484 or “The Philippine Dental Act of 2007” which recognizes the importance of continuing professional education programs among practicing dentists, dental hygienists and dental technologists. The event also aims to keep dentists informed of the recent technological developments on oral healthcare.

In this regard, all government dentists are hereby encouraged to extend support and participate in the said convention, subject to the approval of their respective heads of offices, and according to the regular procedures for leaves of absences and availability of funds.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, Philippines 05 April 2013

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 47

ENJOINING ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) ON BAGUIO AND BORACAY FOR THE PREPARATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND PROGRAMS TO PRESERVE AND DEVELOP THESE PLACES

WHEREAS, Baguio City and Boracay Island are leading tourist destinations that are considered national assets;

WHEREAS, rapid growth, commercialization, and the lack of a comprehensive development and zoning plan have caused the degradation and deterioration of the two localities;

WHEREAS, the President has directed the Secretaries of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources, Interior and Local Government, and Justice to constitute a Technical Working Group (TWG) to review the environmental, commercial, tourism, and law and order situation in Baguio and Boracay for the purpose of developing Comprehensive Plans to preserve these vital national assets; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure full support and cooperation to the TWG for the successful completion of its tasks and functions.

NOW THEREFORE, all officials and employees of government agencies and instrumentalities, including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), and local government units (LGUs), are hereby enjoined to fully support and cooperate with the TWG in the preparation and implementation of comprehensive plans for Baguio and Boracay.

The Secretary of Tourism is hereby designated as Coordinator of the TWG to ensure proper formulation and full integration of social and economic policies, plans, and programs. The TWG is directed to work with all concerned stakeholders, including the LGUs with jurisdiction over Baguio and Boracay, in the preparation and implementation of plans and programs, and to submit regular reports to the Office of the President.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 17th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By authority of the President:
(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 48

DIRECTING ALL CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ADOPT THE GENDER EQUALITY GUIDELINES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MEDIA POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE GENDER MAINSTREAMING

WHEREAS, Section 14, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men;

WHEREAS, Section 24, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building;

WHEREAS, Section 16, Chapter 4 of Republic Act No. 9710, otherwise known as “The Magna Carta of Women”, mandates the State to formulate policies and programs for the advancement of women in collaboration with government and non-government media-related organizations and to raise the consciousness of the general public in recognizing the dignity of women and the role and contribution of women in the family, community, and the society through the strategic use of mass media;

WHEREAS, the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9710 provide that the Office of the Press Secretary [now the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO)] and its attached agencies shall ensure formulation of policies and implementation of programs pursuant to the Republic Act No. 9710 and its IRR;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19 (B) of the IRR of Republic Act No. 9710, the PCOO, together with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), convened the Gender Equality Committee (GEC) mandated to promote gender mainstreaming and to formulate the gender equality guidelines and Code of Ethics for media;

WHEREAS, after conducting consultations with various stakeholders and representatives from the government and private media entities and the public sector, the GEC approved the following gender equality guidelines for media: Gender Equality Guide, Code of Ethics for Media, and Guidelines to Protect Women against Discrimination in Media and Film;

WHEREAS, Section 36, Chapter VI of Republic Act No. 9710 provides that all departments, including their attached agencies, offices, bureaus, state universities and colleges, government-owned and -controlled corporations, local government units, and other government instrumentalities shall adopt gender mainstreaming as a strategy to promote women’s human rights and eliminate gender discrimination in their systems, structures, policies, programs, processes, and procedures;

WHEREAS, Section 28 (General Provisions) of Republic Act No. 10352, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of 2013, provides that all agencies of the government shall formulate a Gender and Development (GAD) Plan designed to address gender issues within their concerned sectors or mandate and implement applicable provisions under Republic Act No. 9710 and other laws, and that the GAD Plan shall be integrated in the regular activities of the agencies, which shall be at least five percent (5%) of their budgets;

NOW, THEREFORE, all concerned government agencies are directed to adopt the gender equality guidelines for media, namely: Gender Equality Guide, Code of Ethics for Media, and Guidelines to Protect Women against Discrimination in Media and Film, as frameworks in developing media policies and implementing programs in order to promote gender mainstreaming.

Expenses related to the implementation of this Memorandum Circular may be charged to the GAD budget, which is at least five percent (5%) of the total agency budget, and/or other available funds of the concerned agency.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By Authority of the President:
(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 49

**AUTHORIZING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO
EXTEND SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE “LARO’T SAYA SA PARKE” PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Section 19, Article XIV of the Constitution provides that the state shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6847 created the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) to promote physical education, encourage and sustain the development of sports in the country to foster physical fitness, self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry through a unified national sports promotion and development program;

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the above mandate, PSC implemented the “**Laro’t Saya sa Parke**,” a park-based sports for fun and recreation program to be held every Saturday and Sunday; and

WHEREAS, the project promotes an active lifestyle by engaging Filipino families in sports and physical fitness activities.

NOW THEREFORE, all government agencies and instrumentalities, including Government-Owned or –Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Local Government Units (LGUs), are hereby enjoined to extend support and assist PSC in the implementation of the “Laro’t Saya sa Parke” project. Further, the private sector is also encouraged to support the project.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 4th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 50

**ENJOINING ALL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES
TO SUPPORT THE NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL DISABILITY
PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION (NDPR) WEEK**

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 1870 (s. 1979) declared the third week of July as NDPR Week to highlight the nation's efforts towards disability prevention and rehabilitation leading to the effective integration of persons with disabilities into the mainstream of society;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 361 (s. 2000) declared that the annual observance of the NDPR Week shall culminate on the birthdate of the sublime paralytic, Apolinario Mabini, 23 July of every year; and

WHEREAS, 17-23 July 2013 is the 35th celebration of the NDPR Week with the theme: *"Building an Inclusive and Non-Handicapping Environment for Persons with Disabilities."*

NOW THEREFORE, all government agencies and instrumentalities, including Government-Owned or –Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Local Government Units (LGUs), are hereby enjoined to support and participate in the nationwide observance of the National Disability Prevention Week. Further, the mass media and the entire citizenry are encouraged to extend their support and full cooperation in this undertaking.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 9th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 51

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 12TH ANNUAL CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE
(CES) CONFERENCE**

The Career Executive Service Board (CESB) and the National Union of Career Executive Service Officers, Inc. (NUCESO) will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the CES culminating with the 12th Annual CES Conference on 27-29 November 2013 at the Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City. This year's conference theme is ***"Fit at 40! Renewing our Past, Leading the Future."***

All heads of government agencies, departments, bureaus and offices shall authorize their respective CES officers and eligibles to attend and participate in this 12th Annual CES National Conference, on official business.

Expenses to be incurred by the participants shall be allowed at prescribed rates in accordance with the existing policies of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and Commission on Audit (COA).

Since the conduct of this conference is considered a core function of the CESB, the same is not subject to the provisions of Administrative Order No. 103 (s. 2004).

Manila, Philippines, 16th day of July 2013.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
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Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 52

ENJOINING ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) AND STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (SUCs) TO SUPPORT AND ALLOW THEIR AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST ASEAN CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING ON 24-26 SEPTEMBER 2013 IN MANILA HOTEL

The Board of Agricultural Engineering of the Professional Regulation Commission, Philippine Society of Agricultural Engineers (PSAE) and the National Agricultural and Fishery Council-Agricultural and Fishery Mechanization Committee, in collaboration with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors Association, and in coordination with the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services, shall conduct the First ASEAN Conference on Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering on 24-26 September 2013 in Manila Hotel, Manila.

With the theme “Integrating Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering in the ASEAN for Food Security, Climate Change Mitigation and Global Practice,” the conference will lay the initial groundwork for the development of harmonized qualifications and standards necessary for the mobility of agricultural engineering services in ASEAN Region which will help achieve long-term competitiveness of ASEAN’s food, agriculture and forestry products/commodities.

In this regard, all heads of departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including GOCCs, LGUs and SUCs, are hereby enjoined to extend full support and allow their agricultural engineers to participate in the said ASEAN Conference, subject to the approval of their respective heads of offices, and according to the regular procedures for leaves of absences and availability of funds.

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) shall extend assistance in coordinating with concerned officials and embassies of all ASEAN countries to encourage the participation/attendance of their agricultural engineers, agricultural and biosystems engineers and concerned officials to the said ASEAN conference.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 19th of July, in the year of our Lord, TwoThousand and Thirteen.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
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Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 53

ENJOINING ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TASK FORCE PABLO REHABILITATION PLANS AND PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Typhoon Pablo caused numerous casualties and severe damage to property, infrastructure, and agriculture in Visayas and Mindanao, especially in the worst-hit provinces of Compostela Valley and Davao Oriental;

WHEREAS, in response to the widespread destruction caused by Typhoon Pablo, the National Government has been providing assistance to its victims to restore to normalcy the living conditions of the affected communities at the earliest possible time;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the directive of the President, the Task Force Pablo (herein referred to as the Task Force) was created to develop the comprehensive Pablo Rehabilitation Plan (PRP) which aims to rationalize, harmonize, streamline, simplify, integrate, and unify the efforts of government agencies mandated to rehabilitate the affected areas and address the needs of the affected population; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure full support to and cooperation with the Task Force for the successful completion of its tasks and functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, all officials and employees of government agencies and instrumentalities, including Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and LGUs, are hereby enjoined to fully support and cooperate with the Task Force in the full implementation of the comprehensive plans for the Typhoon Pablo affected areas.

The Office of the Cabinet Secretary (OCS) is hereby designated as Chair of the Task Force to ensure proper implementation, management, monitoring, evaluation and integration of the social services, infrastructure, resettlement, and livelihood rehabilitation plans, policies, and programs. The Task Force is directed to work with all concerned stakeholders, including the LGUs with jurisdiction over Compostela Valley and Davao Oriental, in the full implementation of the PRP, and to regularly submit reports to the Office of the President.

Subject to the approval of the President, and as reviewed and recommended by the Task Force and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in accordance with the relevant guidelines of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) whenever applicable, the member-agencies of the Task Force and the Clusters are hereby authorized to charge against their current appropriations such amounts as may be necessary for the implementation of this Order. Budgetary requirements of the Task Force shall be subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Additional funds as may be necessary for the implementation of this Order shall be identified and released by the DBM, in accordance with the approved PRP.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 30th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 54

**DIRECTING ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES AND HEADS OF AGENCIES, BUREAUS
OR OFFICES OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE CITY OF ZAMBOANGA AND ADJOINING
PROVINCES TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that government agencies in the City of Zamboanga and adjoining provinces are functioning and that government services are being delivered despite the on-going violent attacks by rogue and armed groups in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, all Department Secretaries and Heads of Agencies, Bureaus or Offices of the government with offices/branches located in the City of Zamboanga and adjoining provinces are hereby ordered to assess the normal functioning of their respective regional/provincial/local offices/branches and ensure the delivery of government services in said localities.

In the event that the said offices/branches are unable to operate and function normally, they are hereby instructed to deal and collaborate with the local government units (LGU) concerned for the continuous delivery of government services.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 12th day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
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Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 55

MISSING ISSUANCE

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 56

**DIRECTING ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES AND HEADS OF AGENCIES,
BUREAUS, OR OFFICES OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LOCALITIES AFFECTED BY
THE CALAMITY ARISING FROM TYPHOON YOLANDA TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY
OF BASIC SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS, Typhoon Yolanda (international codename: Haiyan) caused widespread destruction, incalculable damage and death in several areas, including the Samar Provinces, Leyte, Cebu, Capiz, Aklan, Iloilo and Palawan (collectively, the “Affected Localities”); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that basic services and all possible forms of assistance are being delivered to the affected populations in all areas in the Affected Localities.

NOW, THEREFORE, all Department Secretaries and Heads of Agencies, Bureaus, or Offices of the Government with offices/branches located in the Affected Localities are hereby ordered to augment their respective regional, provincial and/or local offices/branches to ensure effective and functional operations.

Likewise, all Departments, Agencies, Bureaus, or Offices are directed to provide or augment the basic services and facilities of the affected local government units for the continuous delivery of services and assistance to all Affected Localities.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 11th day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
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Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 57

DIRECTING ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES AND HEADS OF AGENCIES, BUREAUS, OR OFFICES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AND AUTHORIZING AND ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, TO MOBILIZE THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO THE CALAMITY ARISING FROM TYPHOON YOLANDA

WHEREAS, Typhoon Yolanda (international codename: Haiyan) caused widespread destruction, substantial damage and death in several areas, including Samar, Leyte, Negros, Cebu, Bohol, Capiz, Aklan, Antique, Iloilo and Palawan (collectively, the “Affected Localities”);

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to conduct immediate intensive, massive and effective relief and rehabilitation efforts to help the populations in the Affected Localities;

WHEREAS, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 6713, or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, provide that government employees may render free voluntary service for humanitarian purposes; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, the President shall have control over all departments, bureaus, and agencies under the Executive Branch, as well as supervision over local government units (LGUs).

NOW, THEREFORE, all Department Secretaries and Heads of Agencies, Bureaus, or Offices of the Government, including Government-Owned and -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), are directed, and all Heads of LGUs are authorized and encouraged, to mobilize their respective officials and employees to assist in the relief and rehabilitation efforts.

The Heads of Executive Departments, GOCCs and LGUs are accorded the discretion to exempt their officials and employees, who are part of such effort, from observing normal office hours and/or from performing their regular duties, as well as to determine the duration and extent of participation of their officials and employees.

The Heads of Executive Departments, GOCCs and LGUs shall ensure that the participation of their officials and employees shall not prejudice the normal and efficient delivery of government services, and shall not result in additional cost to the Government.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 15th day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA JR.
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 58

DIRECTING ALL CONCERNED HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES/OFFICES, AND ENCOURAGING CONCERNED LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PROVIDE TIMELY INFORMATION TO BE USED BY THE GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM RELATING TO THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO THE CALAMITY ARISING FROM TYPHOON YOLANDA

WHEREAS, Typhoon Yolanda (international codename: Haiyan) caused widespread destruction, substantial damage and death in several areas, including Samar, Leyte, Negros, Cebu, Bohol, Capiz, Aklan, Antique, Iloilo and Palawan;

WHEREAS, as a result thereof, the President declared a State of National Calamity pursuant to Proclamation No. 682 (s. 2013);

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to effectively collect, organize, and communicate information on the location, nature, and other details of relief and recovery efforts carried out by the Government and other organizations in order to make a clear assessment of the needs of affected areas and populations vis-a-vis the resources and assets that have been and/or will be dispatched and mobilized;

WHEREAS, a geographical information system (GIS) has been established by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), in close coordination with and support from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST); and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, the President shall have control over all departments, bureaus, and agencies under the Executive Branch, as well as supervision over local government units (LGUs).

NOW, THEREFORE, all concerned Heads of Departments and Agencies/Offices involved in the relief and rehabilitation efforts in connection with the calamity arising from Typhoon Yolanda, including those named in **Annex A** attached herewith, are directed to report and provide the information required for the geographical information system (GIS), in the format set forth in Annex A, at least one (1) hour before the daily 0600H, 1200H, and 1800H meetings of the NDRRMC, and until the declaration of the State of National Calamity is lifted.

All other concerned Departments and Agencies/Offices are directed, and LGUs are encouraged, to coordinate with and assist the lead agencies in collecting and reporting the information required for the GIS.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 19th day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
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Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 59

DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO GRANT A MORATORIUM ON LOAN PAYMENTS OF, AND EXTEND INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO, INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE CALAMITY ARISING FROM TYPHOON YOLANDA

WHEREAS, Typhoon Yolanda (international codename: Haiyan) caused widespread destruction, substantial damage, and death in several areas, including Samar, Leyte, Negros, Cebu, Bohol, Capiz, Aklan, Antique, Iloilo and Palawan;

WHEREAS, as a result thereof, the President declared a State of National Calamity pursuant to Proclamation No. 682 (s. 2013);

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide financial relief to individuals and entities directly and adversely affected by the calamity;

WHEREAS, the power of the President of the Philippines to issue directives to government-owned or –controlled corporations (GOCCs), which includes government financial institutions (GFIs) under Republic Act (RA) No. 10149, stems from the President’s power of control over all executive departments, bureaus, and offices under Section 17, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution, and Section 1, Chapter 1, Title I, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 17(d) of RA No. 10121, or the “Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010,” the declaration of a state of calamity makes mandatory the granting of no-interest loans by government financing or lending institutions to the most affected section of the population through their cooperatives or people’s organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, all GFIs are directed to grant a six-month moratorium on the payment of outstanding loans of individuals and entities directly and adversely affected by the calamity, subject to their respective charters and applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

All GFIs are likewise directed to expedite the extension of, and provide the necessary assistance relative to documentary submissions for, interest-free loans to individuals and entities directly and adversely affected by the calamity, subject to their respective charters and applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 26th day of November, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

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Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 60

**ENJOINING ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES
OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO SEND NOMINEES TO THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT'S CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM –
PUBLIC MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, in pursuit of realizing the aims of the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016, we are investing in a career executive service development program – the Public Management Development Program, a purposive, program-based, and integrated professional development program that provides a clear direction towards professionalizing the bureaucracy by producing a corps of development-oriented public managers imbued with competence, integrity, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the realization of its outcome, the government has tasked the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) to implement the program, given its institutional experience and mandate to carry out human resource development programs designed to instill development perspectives and advance management capability in the leadership of the key sectors of the government and the economy.

NOW THEREFORE, in support of this initiative, all Secretaries and heads of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the National Government are hereby enjoined and encouraged to send their nominees to the 2014 Public Management Development Program.

The program description and requirements are attached hereto for reference.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Reference: Public Management Development Program

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 61

CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE FOR THE PHILIPPINE HOSTING OF THE ASIA EUROPE MEETING (ASEM) CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

There is hereby created an Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) to organize and implement activities for the hosting of the Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) Conference on Technology and Innovation for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Climate Change Adaptation on 08-09 September 2014. The IAC shall be composed of representatives, with ranks not lower than Assistant Secretary, from the following government agencies:

Co-Chairs:

Department of National Defense (DND)
Office of Civil Defense (OCD)
National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC)
Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
Office of European Affairs (OEA)

Members:

Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
Climate Change Commission (CCC)

The IAC, supported by a Secretariat composed of DND-OCD and DFA-OEA, shall closely coordinate with and call upon the heads of other relevant agencies for assistance including the establishment of Technical Working Groups (TWGs), as may be necessary.

The IAC shall perform the following tasks and functions:

- a) Formulate a work program and budget plan for the hosting of the said Conference;
- b) Implement the work program, and supervise and monitor all activities relevant thereto;
- c) Engage the support, assistance, and cooperation of ASEM member partners, regional, inter-governmental, and non-governmental organizations and the private sector and/or entities in the preparations and conduct of the Conference and its related activities, as may be necessary;
- d) Enter into agreements and contracts to implement this Circular, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations; and
- e) Undertake measures necessary for the successful conduct of the Conference.

The funding requirement for the preparation and conduct of the Conference, amounting to Eight Million Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty pesos (P8,670,750.00), shall be charged against the International Commitments Fund (ICF) subject to applicable government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All other government agencies are hereby directed to cooperate with the IAC and provide full support to activities related to the ASEM Conference.

Relative to the performance of its mandate, the IAC, through the Co-Chairs, shall submit a Report to the President within thirty (30) days after the completion of the Conference, or as often as may be required by the President.

Unless otherwise ordered by the President, the IAC shall cease to exist thirty (30) days after the submission of its Report.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

(Sgd.) **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 62

AUTHORIZING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR –CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs) AND ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO EXTEND SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION TO THE KABISIG PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT EXPO AND TRADE FAIR 2014

WHEREAS, the KABISIG People’s Movement (KABISIG) Program was created by virtue of Proclamation No. 650 (s.1990) in order to facilitate, coordinate, and monitor the implementation of government programs and projects, as well as to provide linkages between and among the private sector groups and government agencies and instrumentalities; and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the above mandate, KABISIG is conducting the “**KABISIG Philippine Government Expo and Trade Fair 2014**” having the theme “*Matuwid na Daan, Susi sa Tagumpay at Kaunlaran.*” The project aims to bring together in one venue all government agencies and instrumentalities, including Government-Owned or –Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Local Government Units (LGUs), to feature their profiles, service facilities, programs, projects, products, and accomplishments. It is also an opportunity that will allow the government to promote public awareness and participation in national government.

NOW, THEREFORE, all heads of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the national government, including GOCCs are hereby directed to extend support and authorized to participate, and LGUs are hereby encouraged to extend support and participate, in the said expo and trade fair, subject to availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, Philippines 29 January 2014

**Office of the President
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Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 63

ENJOINING ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR –CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE 28TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDSA PEOPLE POWER REVOLUTION OF 1986

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 82 (s. 1999), as amended by EO 17 (s. 2010), created the EDSA People Power Commission (EPPC) to plan, organize, and implement the yearly commemoration of the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution every 25th of February; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the 28th year Anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution on 25 February 2014 will enable Filipinos all over the country to recall and rekindle the unity and principles expressed by the said historical event.

NOW, THEREFORE, all heads of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the national government, including Government-Owned or –Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) are hereby directed to extend their support and participate, while Local Government Units (LGUs) are hereby encouraged to extend their support and participate, in the programs and activities to be held for this purpose, including the following activities recommended by the EPPC:

1. **EDSA People Power Revolution Model (*Salubungan* of Military and Civilians)** – Programs that highlight how civilians and the military can work together in support of a common goal and ideal;
2. **Programs in Provinces, Cities and Municipalities Commemorating the EDSA People Power Revolution;**
3. **Opening of Military Camps and PNP Offices to the Public** – A celebration of the military's role in the success of the EDSA People Power Revolution, wherein camps and offices shall welcome civilian visitors;
4. **EDSA People Power Parades** – Activities that will showcase the festivity of EDSA People Power Revolution, together with LGUs, schools, students, and civilians in numerous Provinces, Cities and Municipalities; and
5. **Project Oriented Celebrations** – Projects and programs spearheaded by the EPPC Provincial Networks, including volunteer programs for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of areas affected by the Bohol and Cebu earthquake, Typhoon Yolanda, and the Zamboanga siege, among others.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, Philippines, 17 February 2014

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 64

ENJOINING ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES TO FULLY SUPPORT AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE CONDUCT OF THE MONEY LAUNDERING / TERRORISM FINANCING (ML/TF) NATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT (NRA) THROUGH INVOLVEMENT IN THE ML/TF NRA WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, the Asia/Pacific Group (APG) on Money Laundering is committed to the effective implementation and enforcement of internationally accepted standards to address Money Laundering/Terrorism Financing (ML/TF);

WHEREAS, under the international standards on combating money laundering and terrorism financing, countries are required to identify, assess and understand the money laundering and terrorism financing risks for the country and are mandated, based on said assessment, to apply a risk-based approach to ensure that measures to prevent or mitigate money laundering and terrorism financing are commensurate with the risks identified;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a member of the APG and in compliance with the international standards on combating money laundering and terrorism financing, the Philippines will be conducting a ML/TF National Risk Assessment (NRA); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute an NRA Working Group consisting of representatives from relevant government agencies and the private sector dedicated to the accomplishment of the objectives and completion of the ML/TF risk assessment process.

NOW, THEREFORE, all concerned Heads of Departments, Agencies, Offices and Instrumentalities of the National Government, specifically those named in **ANNEX A**, attached herewith, hereinafter referred to as the ML/TF NRA Working Group, are enjoined to extend support and participation in the conduct of the ML/TF NRA. The Working Group shall have nine (9) subgroups, namely: (1) Threat Assessment; (2) National Vulnerability; (3) Banking Sector Vulnerability; (4) Securities Sector Vulnerability; (5) Insurance Sector Vulnerability; (6) Other Financial Institutions' Vulnerability; (7) Designated Non-Financial Business and Professions Vulnerability; (8) Financial Inclusion Products Risk Assessment; and (9) Non-profit Organizations.

The duly authorized representatives of the member-agencies of the Working Group should be senior officials with rank not lower than Assistant Secretary or its equivalent and shall have technical knowledge and operational experience and with authority to share information. Further, member agencies shall designate an alternate member who should have the same qualifications.

The Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) is designated as the lead agency of the Working Group. Through its Executive Director, the AMLC may issue operational guidance and instructions to the concerned agencies as may be necessary from time to time and may call on other agencies for assistance in the performance of its tasks.

The initial funding requirement of TWO MILLION PESOS (P 2,000,000.00) shall be charged against the Contingent Fund of the Office of the President, subject to the availability of funds and pertinent budgetary, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations. Funding for the subsequent years of operation shall be incorporated in the annual budget of the AMLC.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executives Secretary

Manila, Philippines 20 June 2014

Reference: Annex A

ANNEX A

Financial Intelligence Unit

Anti-Money Laundering Council

Supervisory Authorities

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Insurance Commission
Securities and Exchange Commission

Law enforcement and other relevant government agencies

Anti-Terrorism Council
Bureau of Customs
Bureau of Immigration
Bureau of Internal Revenue
Cooperative Development Authority
Civil Service Commission
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Department of Finance
Department of Foreign Affairs
Department of Justice
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Department of Trade and Industry
Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking
Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
Intelligence Service Armed Forces of the Philippines
Land Registration Authority
National Bureau of Investigation
National Intelligence Coordinating Agency
Office of the Ombudsman
Office of the Solicitor General
Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission
Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation
Philippine Center on Transnational Crime
Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency
Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation
Philippine Ports Authority
Philippine National Police – Anti-Cybercrime Group
Philippine National Police – Anti-Kidnapping Group
Philippine National Police – Aviation Security Group
Philippine National Police – Criminal Investigation and Detection Group
Philippine National Police – Highway Patrol Group
Philippine National Police – Intelligence Group
Professional Regulation Commission – Board of Accountancy
Professional Regulation Commission – Board of Real Estate Service
Supreme Court – Office of the Court Administrator

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 65

**CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE ELECTRIFICATION
PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES**

There is hereby created an Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) to oversee the electrification programs and projects involving distribution utilities in the country. The IAC shall be composed of representatives from the following agencies:

ns	:Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) Department of Energy (DOE)
	:Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Department of Justice (DOJ) Department of National Defense (DND)

For electrification within their respective areas, the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) and Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) shall likewise serve as ad-hoc members of the IAC.

The duly authorized representatives of the member-agencies of the IAC should be senior officials with rank not lower than Assistant Secretary or its equivalent. Further, member agencies shall designate an alternate member who should have the same qualifications.

The IAC, supported by a Secretariat to be organized by the DOE, may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, local government units, non-government organizations, and the private sector for assistance as the circumstances and exigencies may require.

The IAC shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. Assess the electrification programs and projects of distribution utilities and identify bottlenecks, difficulties, and issues arising therefrom;
- b. Develop a plan to ensure that the electrification programs and projects of distribution utilities are sustainable and secure;
- c. Review and recommend relevant plans and courses of action to the Office of the President and such other offices, such as the National Electrification Administration, to ensure that the electrification programs and projects of distribution utilities are sustainable and secure; and
- d. Review and recommend to the Office of the President policy and operational options to resolve electrification concerns, including the exercise of the power of the State to temporarily take-over or direct the operation of any privately-owned public utility, if so warranted.

The member-agencies of the IAC are authorized to charge against their current appropriations such amounts as may be necessary for the implementation of this Circular, subject to budgetary, accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Additional funds and possible fund sources as may be necessary for the implementation of this Circular shall be identified and provided for by the Department of Budget and Management. Subsequent funding requirements shall be incorporated in the annual budget proposals of the respective member-agencies through the General Appropriations Act.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, Philippines 30 June 2014

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 66

**DIRECTING THE FORMATION OF TASK FORCE SENTENARYO FOR THE IGLESIA
NI CRISTO CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9645, it is declared a policy of the State to observe the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) every 27th of July in recognition of its exemplary feat of leading its members towards spiritual enlightenment and good citizenry;

WHEREAS, the INC will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding (INC Centennial Celebration) on 27 July 2014 at the Philippine Arena, Bocaue, Bulacan;

WHEREAS, the massive scale of the event is indicative of its great significance to a large number of Filipinos who are members of the INC, and who will be gathering from all over the world to take part in the INC Centennial Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that “the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.”

NOW, THEREFORE, there is hereby created an Interagency Group to be known as Task Force Sentenaryo.

The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

Head	:	Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
		Secretary, Department of National Defense
		Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government
		Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways
		Secretary, Department of Health
		Secretary, Presidential Communications Operations
		Office Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines
Members	:	Chief, Philippine National Police
		Chairman, Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board
		General Manager, Philippine Ports Authority
		General Manager, Ninoy Aquino International Airport
		Director, Toll Regulatory Board
		Representative, Iglesia ni Cristo

The Task Force shall take charge of government actions and responses in connection with the INC Centennial Celebration, ensure smooth coordination among public and private sectors, maintain peace and order, ensure the safety of participants, and prepare a traffic management plan for the efficient and smooth transport of persons and goods during the INC Centennial Celebration.

The Task Force Head is hereby vested with full executive authority within the law to guarantee the efficient performance by the member-agencies and other government offices of their functions.

The Task Force Head may give direct operational instructions to any of the member agencies in the pursuit of their functions.

The Task Force Head, should necessity require, may designate representatives from the private sector as members of the Task Force for the effective performance of its functions.

Task Force Sentenaryo, supported by a Secretariat organized by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, local government units, non-government organizations, and the private sector for assistance as the circumstances and exigencies may require.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and shall be declared *functus officio* upon the conclusion of the INC Centennial Celebration.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of July , in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 67

Upon the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and in view of the inclement weather brought about by Typhoon “Glenda,” work in government offices and classes in all levels, both public and private, in the National Capital Region and in areas under Typhon Signal 2 are hereby suspended tomorrow, 16 July 2014.

However, those agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital public services shall continue with their operations and render the necessary services.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.)PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Manila, 15 July 2014.

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 68

**CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO STRENGTHEN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-
HAZING LAW**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 8049 or the Anti-Hazing Law was enacted on 7 June 1995 to address the growing problem of fraternity-related violence; and

WHEREAS, despite the passage of RA No. 8049, hazing-related fatalities continue to occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, there is hereby created an Inter-Agency Task Force to be composed of the following:

Chair :	Secretary, Department of Justice
	Secretary, Department of National Defense
	Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government
	Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education
Members :	Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines
	Chief, Philippine National Police
	Chairperson, National Youth Commission
	Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs, Office of the President

The Task Force shall lead government actions and responses in connection with RA No. 8049. Furthermore, the Task Force shall develop modes of coordinating and monitoring of the implementation of programs, projects and activities to prevent hazing fatalities.

The Task Force Head, is hereby vested with full executive authority within the law, and may give direct operational instructions to any of the member agencies in the performance of their functions.

The functions of the Task Force are, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Review and formulate policies, programs, and guidelines to strengthen the implementation of RA. No. 8049; and
- b. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or as may be directed by the President for the successful implementation of this Order.

The Task Force shall, within sixty (60) days from the issuance of this Order and every three (3) months thereafter or as often as may be required, submit a report to the Office of the President.

The Task Force may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, local government units, non-government organizations, and the private sector for assistance as the circumstances and exigencies may require.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, Philippines 28 August 2014

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 69

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 13TH ANNUAL CAREER EXECUTIVE
SERVICE (CES) CONFERENCE**

The Career Executive Service Board (CESB) and the National Union of Career Executive Service Officers, Inc. (NUCESCO) will celebrate the 41st Anniversary of the CES culminating with the 13th Annual CES Conference on 12-14 November 2014 at the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino, Salinas Drive, Lahug, Cebu City.

To situate CES leaders in the age of digital democracy, this year's conference theme is ***“Leadership Excellence in the Digital Era: From Nation – Building to Global Governance.”***

In view thereof, all heads of government agencies, departments, bureaus and offices shall authorize their respective CES officers and eligibles to attend and participate in this 13th Annual CES National Conference, on official business.

Expenses to be incurred by the participants shall be allowed at prescribed rates accordance with the existing policies of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commission on Audit (COA), and since the conduct of this conference is considered a core function of the CESB, the same is not subject to the provisions of Administrative Order No. 103 (s. 2014).

Manila, Philippines, 12th day of September 2014.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 70

MISSING ISSUANCE

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 71

CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE TO LEAD THE ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEYTE GULF LANDING ON 20 OCTOBER 2014

WHEREAS, 20 October 2014 marks the 70th Anniversary of the historic Leyte Gulf Landing which initiated the liberation of the Philippines during World War II;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order Nos. 108 (s. 1994) and 102 (s. 2004) created Committees for the commemoration of the 50th and 60th Anniversaries of the Leyte Gulf Landing, respectively; and

WHEREAS, this anniversary is significant in view of the rapidly dwindling number of World War II veterans, and is a cause for celebration for the people of the Province of Leyte who have survived a devastating typhoon in 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, an Inter-Agency Committee (“Committee”) is hereby created to lead the organization and implementation of the program of activities in commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Leyte Gulf Landing on 20 October 2014.

The Committee shall be composed of representatives from the following:

Chairperson:	National Historical Commission of the Philippines
Members:	Department of Foreign Affairs
	Department of National Defense
	Department of Tourism
	Provincial Government of Leyte

The Committee may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, government financial institutions, local government units, non-government organizations and the private sector for assistance as the circumstances and exigencies may require.

The Committee shall plan, coordinate, and implement all programs, projects, and activities relating to the 70th Anniversary of the Leyte Gulf Landing.

The member-agencies of the Committee are authorized to charge against their current appropriations such amounts required for the implementation of this Circular, and any additional funds as may be necessary can be appropriated from the Contingent Fund of the Office of the President, subject to applicable budgetary, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, 29 September 2014

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 72

DIRECTING THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

WHEREAS, the Philippines will host the state visit of His Holiness Pope Francis on 15 to 19 January of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the massive scale of the visit is anticipated given the profound and great significance of the visit to the Filipino people, and to all those who will be gathering from all over the country to take part in this celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, there is hereby created The Papal Visit 2015 National Organizing Committee (PV-NOC).

The PV-NOC shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson:	Executive Secretary
Vice-Chair:	Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs
Members:	Secretary, Department of National Defense
	Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government
	Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways
	Secretary, Department of Health
	Secretary, Department of Transportation and Communications
	Secretary, Department of Tourism
	Secretary, Presidential Communications Operations Office
	Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines
	Chief, Philippine National Police
	Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority

The PV-NOC Chairperson shall take charge of all government participation and responses in connection with the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis, to (a) ensure smooth coordination among public and private sectors, particularly with the Central Committee of the Catholic Bishop Conference of the Philippines, which is tasked to manage and coordinate all plans and activities, religious and civil, of the Papal Visit; (b) maintain peace and order, and safeguard participants, and (c) prepare a traffic management plan for the efficient and smooth transport of persons and goods during the visit.

The PV-NOC Chairperson may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, local government units, non-government organizations, and the private sector for assistance as the circumstances and exigencies may require.

Two local Executive Committees, hereinafter referred to as the EXECOM-Manila and EXECOM-Leyte, shall be established in places of engagement of His Holiness to serve as the full time, day-to-day operations arm of the PV-NOC on-site to ensure that the programs and activities to be undertaken in preparation for and during the visit shall run smoothly, efficiently, and effectively.

The EXECOM-Manila shall be composed of the following:

Head:	Undersecretary, Office of the Executive Secretary
Members:	Undersecretary for Administration, Department of Foreign Affairs
	Undersecretary, Department of National Defense
	Undersecretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government
	Undersecretary, Department of Public Works and Highways
	Undersecretary, Department of Health
	Undersecretary, Department of Transportation and Communications
	Undersecretary, Department of Tourism
	Undersecretary, Presidential Communications Operations Office
	Chief of Protocol, Office of Presidential Protocol
	Representative, Office of the President
	Representative, Armed Forces of the Philippines
	Representative, Philippine National Police
	Representative, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
	General Manager, Manila International Airport Authority
	Group Commander, Presidential Security Group
	Head, Radio-Television Malacañang

The EXECOM-Leyte shall be composed of the following:

Head:	Undersecretary, Office of the Executive Secretary
Members:	Regional Director, Philippine National Police
	Commander, Central Command, Armed Forces of the Philippines
	Regional Director, Department of Transportation and Communications
	Regional Director, Department of Public Works and Highways
	Security Task Action Group Commander-Leyte, Presidential Security Group
	Representative, Radio-Television Malacañang

The EXECOM-Manila and EXECOM-Leyte are tasked to prepare the necessary budget, which shall be charged to the Contingent Fund of the Office of the President, for approval of the Chairperson.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and shall be *functus officio* upon the conclusion of the Papal Visit in 2015.

(Sgd.) **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, 30 September 2014

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 73

To provide government employees full opportunity to properly observe 01 November 2014, a declared Special Non-Working Day, and to allow employees to travel to their respective provinces, work in government offices on 31 October 2014 is hereby suspended from 12:00 p.m. onwards.

However, those agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital public services shall continue with their operations and render the necessary services.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 74

ENJOINING ALL HEADS OF NATIONAL AGENCIES, PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS IN MINDANAO TO AUTHORIZE THEIR DESIGNATED PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION OFFICERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2014 MINDANAO COMMUNICATORS' CONGRESS AND WORKSHOP TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE MINDANAO COMMUNICATORS' NETWORK, INC. IN COOPERATION WITH THE MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE ON 12-14 NOVEMBER 2014

The Mindanao Communicators' Network, Inc. (MindaComNet), a network of government and non-government public relations and information officers, organized in 1999, for the purpose of networking activities for communication practitioners in the government and non-government organizations and the private sector in Mindanao to enhance the professional growth of public and private communicators/public relations and information officers in Mindanao regions.

The MindaComNet was organized to serve as a mechanism for the promotion of the National Government's peace and development efforts in Mindanao.

In order to achieve its purpose and objectives, the MindaComNet will conduct a congress and workshop on 12-14 November 2014 at Grand Astoria Hotel in Zamboanga City.

All heads of government departments, bureaus and offices, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, government financial institutions, state colleges and universities, and local government units, are enjoined to authorize their public relations/information officers to attend and participate in MindaComNet congress and workshop and similar activities on 12-14 November 2014 on official time with expenses, such as transportation, per diems, registration fee, and other necessary fees/expenses at rates prescribed in accordance with existing policies of the Department of Budget and Management, the Commission on Audit, and the Civil Service Commission, chargeable against the funds of their respective agencies/offices, and subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive/Secretary

Manila, 10 November 2014

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 75

AUTHORIZING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR –CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs) AND ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO EXTEND SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION TO THE KABISIG PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT EXPO AND TRADE FAIR 2015

WHEREAS the Kabisig People’s Movement (KABISIG) Program was created by virtue of Proclamation No. 650 (s. 1990) in order to facilitate, coordinate, and monitor the implementation of government programs and projects, as well as to provide linkages between and among the private sector groups and government agencies and instrumentalities; and

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of the above mandate, KABISIG is conducting the “**KABISIG Philippine Government Expo and Trade Fair 2015**,” having the theme “*Matuwid na Daan, Tatahakin Hanggang sa Katapusan*” aimed at bringing together in one venue all government agencies and instrumentalities, including GOCCs and LGUs, to feature their profiles, service facilities, programs, projects, products, and accomplishments, thereby providing an opportunity for the government to promote public awareness and participation in national development.

NOW, THEREFORE, all heads of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the National Government, including GOCCs and LGUs, are hereby encouraged to extend support and participate, in the said expo and trade fair, subject to the availability of funds and accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, Philippines 9 February 2015

**Office of the President
Of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 76

URGING ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES, AGENCIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO IMPLEMENT THE INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (IMP) THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (IMS) AND ADOPT THE IMP HANDBOOK FOR THIS PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 176 dated December 1, 2014 was issued “Institutionalizing the Integrity Management Program (IMP) as the National Corruption Prevention Program in all Government Departments, Bureaus, Offices, Agencies, Including Government-owned and Controlled Corporations, Government Financial Institutions, State Universities and Colleges, and Local Government Units through the establishment of Integrity Management Systems (IMS)”;

WHEREAS, to operationalize the said Program, an IMP Handbook was crafted and approved by the Program Management Committee (PMC) to serve as a do-it-yourself manual meant to guide departments/agencies in their implementation of the IMP and the establishment of their IMS. Included in the Handbook are instructions on each step of the implementation with reference to the tools/templates/forms that will be used;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of EO 176 explicitly states that “The Office of the President, through the Office of the Executive Secretary, shall issue by Memorandum Circular the Operational Guidelines of the IMP upon recommendation of the PMC”;

NOW, THEREFORE, all government departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, government financial institutions, state universities and colleges, and local government units are hereby urged to initiate the establishment of IMS in their respective offices and adopt the IMP Handbook as the guide in implementing the IMP.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Manila, Philippines 15th April 2015

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 77

Upon the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and in view of the inclement weather brought about by Typhoon “Egay,” work in government offices and classes in all levels, both public and private, in the National Capital Region, are hereby suspended today, 06 July 2015.

However, those agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital public services shall continue with their operations and render the necessary services.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Manila, 06 July 2015.

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

Memorandum Circular No. 78

Upon the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and in view of the inclement weather brought about by the southwest monsoon, enhanced by Typhoon “Falcon,” work in government offices in the National Capital Region, is hereby suspended starting 3:00 p.m. today, 09 July 2015.

However, those agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/ response to disasters and calamities, and/or performance of other vital public services shall continue with their operations and render the necessary services.

It is noted that classes in all levels, both public and private, in the National Capital Region, have already been suspended.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, 09 July 2015.

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 79

CONDUCT OF A SYNCHRONIZED METRO-WIDE EARTHQUAKE DRILL

WHEREAS, Section 2 (d) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10121 or the “Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010” provides that it is the policy of the state to adopt and implement a coherent, comprehensive, integrated, efficient and responsive disaster risk reduction program incorporated in the development plan at various levels of government adhering to the principles of good governance;

WHEREAS, Section 3 (g) of RA No. 7924 or “An Act Creating the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Defining Its Powers and Function, Providing Funds Therefor and Other Purposes” provides that services relating to public safety in Metro Manila which includes the formulation and implementation of programs and policies and procedures to achieve public safety, especially preparedness for preventive or rescue operations during times of calamities and disasters such as earthquakes, shall be under the jurisdiction of the MMDA.

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 137 (s.1999) declared the month of July of every year as National Disaster Consciousness Month and institutionalized the Civil Defense Deputization Program to provide national government agencies and local government units (LGU) ample time to implement their disaster awareness campaigns and programs;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology represents that the 100-kilometer West Valley Fault Line, which traverses cities and towns in Metro Manila, is considered to be ripe for movement, and that the said cities and towns may experience earthquakes with magnitude up to 7.2 which may cause significant damages and fatalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the following are hereby ordered:

SECTION 1. Earthquake Drill. There shall be a synchronized Earthquake Drill in Metro Manila on 30 July 2015.

SECTION 2. Participation of Government Agencies and Instrumentalities. All heads of government departments, bureaus and offices, including Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations, and LGUs, are enjoined to authorize and encourage their respective officials and employees to participate in the synchronized Metro Manila wide earthquake drill. Further, they are accorded discretion to exempt their officials and employees, who are part of such effort, from observing regular office hours and/or from performing their duties, without prejudice to the regular and efficient delivery of government services, subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 3. Implementing Agency. The Metro Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council as chaired by the Chairperson of the MMDA, and in coordination with the National Disaster Risk Reduction And Management Council, shall lead in the implementation of this Circular and shall perform the following functions:

1. Plan and implement a synchronized earthquake drill on 30 July 2015;
2. Prepare a schedule of activities which will be followed during the earthquake
3. Coordinate all earthquake drill initiatives of all LGUs in Metro Manila;
4. Submit a report on the implementation and evaluation of the earthquake drill; and
5. Perform other functions consistent with the implementation of this Circular.

SECTION 4. Private Sector Participation. The private sector, including volunteer and civic organizations, is hereby encouraged to participate and assist in the implementation of the MC as the exigencies and circumstances may require.

SECTION 5. Repeal. All issuances, orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Separability. If any provision of this Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 24th day of July, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

By the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACANANG**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 80

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 14TH ANNUAL CAREER EXECUTIVE
SERVICE (CES) CONFERENCE**

The Career Executive Service Board (CESB) and the National Union of Career Executive Service Officers, Inc. (NUCESO) will hold the 14th Annual CES Conference on 26-28 November 2015 at the Xavier Estates, Xavier Avenue, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental.

This year's conference theme is **"Leadership Excellence: Transformation."**

In view thereof, all Career Executive Service Officers (CESOs), Career Executive Service Eligibles (CESEs), and Career Service Executive Eligibles (CSEEs) shall be authorized to attend this conference on official business.

Expenses to be incurred by the participants shall be allowed at prescribed rates in accordance with the existing policies of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commission on Audit (COA), and since the conduct of this conference is considered a core function of the CESB, the same is not subject to the provisions of Administrative Order No. 103 (s.2004).

Manila, Philippines, 24 July 2015.

By the authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 81

**DIRECTING ALL HEADS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING
GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, TO EXTEND THEIR
FULL ASSISTANCE IN THE TRANSITION TO THE NEGROS ISLAND REGION**

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 183 (s. 2015) created the Negros Island Region (NIR), composed of the Provinces of Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental and all the cities, municipalities,, and barangays embraced therein;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of EO No. 183 provided for the creation of the NIR- Technical Working Group (NIR-TWG) composed of representatives from the Office of the President, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), National Economic and Development Authority, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and representatives of the Provinces of Negros Oriental and Negros Occidental; and

WHEREAS, EO No. 183 tasked the NIR-TWG to arrange the requirements for organizational development, staffing, and budgeting of regional line and regulatory agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, all Heads of National Government Agencies, including Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations, are hereby directed to extend full assistance to the NIR-TWG, in support of the required actions for transition to the NIR, subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations, as follows:

1. Undertake preliminary transition measures, including the designation of Interim Regional Directors, not later than 1 October 2015;
2. Complete transition measures by 1 January 2016, in time for the opening of the NIR;
3. Organize and/or establish Regional Offices (RO), including ROs for attached agencies, in either Bacolod City or Dumaguete City(**Annex A**), in accordance with the guidelines to be issued by the DBM, and until such time that the Regional Center is developed; and
4. Program the transfer of data and other assets of Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental from Region VI and Region VII, respectively, into the new NIR.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

06 August 2015

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 82

ENJOINING ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW DAY ON 12 AUGUST 2015

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 134 (s. 1999) declared August 12 as the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Day and directed the Department of National Defense (DND) and Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to co-chair an *ad-hoc* Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) that will formulate and implement yearly activities, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Manila, Philippine National Red Cross (PRC) and concerned non-government organizations (NGOs) and people's organizations in the country; and

WHEREAS, this year is the 66th Anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Convention, which is the most universally accepted IHL treaty in the world having been acceded to or ratified by one hundred ninety-six countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, all heads of departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, including government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs) are hereby directed to extend their support and participate, while Local Government Units are hereby encouraged to extend their support and participate, in the programs and activities in line with the 2015 observance of the IHL Day, under the theme **“Pagkilala at Pagpapahalaga sa IHL, Responsibilidad ng Lahat,”** in particular the following activities approved by the IHL *ad hoc* Committee:

1. Delivery of the Message for the 2015 commemoration of IHL Day and the 66th Anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions during the flag ceremony on 10 August 2015 (Monday);
2. Placement of the 2015 IHL streamer in conspicuous areas in the respective government offices and social media accounts;
3. Administration and participation in the seminars to be conducted by the members of the IHL *ad hoc* Committee; and
4. Video-showing of the 2015 IHL video clip and ICRC's "IHL in a Nutshell," to be launched in the DFA website, in the respective government offices and social media accounts, within the month of August 2015.

Further, all agencies are encouraged to provide other support that may be deemed necessary to make the celebration more meaningful.

The DFA and the DND, in cooperation with PRC and the ICRC, shall spearhead the implementation of the programs and activities in line with this year's IHL Day observance and shall carry out the necessary coordination among the participating government agencies, bureaus, instrumentalities and GOCCs.

The heads of departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government and GOCCs are requested to submit their narrative report and photographs of their activities to the DFA for consolidation, as the lead agency for the 2015 observance. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall submit a report to the President, through the Executive Secretary, on the conduct of IHL Day activities.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, Philippines, 11 August 2015

Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 83

CREATING THE NATIONAL TASK FORCE FOR THE DISBANDMENT OF THE PRIVATE ARMED GROUPS IN THE AREAS OF THE PROPOSED BANGSAMORO AND THE ADJACENT REGIONS IX TO XII

WHEREAS, Section 24, Article XVIII of the 1987 Constitution mandates the dismantling of private armies and other armed groups not recognized by duly constituted authorities;

WHEREAS, for purposes of implementing this mandate, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) referred to private armies as “private armed groups” or PAGs and defined a PAG as “an organized group of two (2) or more persons, with legally or illegally possessed firearms, utilized for purposes of sowing fear and intimidation, and violence for the advancement and protection of vested political and economic interest;”

WHEREAS, the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) provided for a comprehensive approach towards achieving security and peace in the proposed Bangsamoro core territory as well as adjacent areas in Regions IX to XII, which includes as one of its highlights, the disbandment of such armed groups;

WHEREAS, the law enforcement agencies have been waging a relentless campaign against PAGs that has resulted in the dismantling of some identified groups and the improvement in the peace and security in these regions and other parts of the country;

WHEREAS, despite these efforts, the PAG menace remains because the major causes which primarily contribute to its proliferation such as very low level of human security, gun culture, “rido” or clan war, political dynasties and the use of military and police auxiliaries, still exist in some affected communities;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the creation of the National Task Force that would focus on disbanding the PAGs in the proposed Bangsamoro core territory and adjacent regions in order to stabilize the security situation and effectively implement the other measures stipulated in the CAB, particularly the gradual and phased decommissioning of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

NOW, THEREFORE, the concerned agencies are hereby directed as follows:

SECTION 1. Creation of the National Task Force for the Disbandment of the PAGs in the Proposed Bangsamoro and Adjacent Regions. The National Task Force for the Disbandment of the PAGs in the Proposed Bangsamoro and Adjacent Regions (NTF-DPAGs) is hereby formally established with the following members:

Chairperson:

Secretary, Department of the Interior
Representative, Department of National Defense

Representative, Department of Justice

Members:

Representative, National Intelligence Agency
PNP

Director for Operations, PNP

PNP Regional Directors in the Autonomous Region of Bangsamoro

	to Region XII
	Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence
	Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations
	Chief, Peace Process Office, AFP
	Commander of Western Mindanao C
	Director, National Bureau of Investi
	Chair, GPH Negotiating Panel for Ta
	Head, Focal Team for the Peace Pro
	Representative, Presidential Anti-Or

SECTION 2. Functions. The NTF-DPAGs shall be in charge of policy, planning and implementation of the program for the disbandment of the PAGs, including coordination with the relevant bodies* pursuant to the CAB and other entities as may be necessary, in accordance with the schedule provided in the Annex on Normalization. Upon assumption, the NTF-DPAGs shall draw up the implementing rules and operational guidelines for this Circular, subject to the approval of the Executive Secretary.

SECTION 3. Secretariat. The NTF-DPAGs shall organize its Secretariat which shall provide administrative and technical support thereto.

SECTION 4. Establishment of a Monitoring and Reporting System. A Monitoring and Reporting System shall be developed by the NTF-DPAGs in collaboration with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP), in order to determine the development and level of achievements of the activities designed for the dismantling of PAGs.

SECTION 5. Duration. The NTF-DPAGs shall cease to operate upon the signing of the Exit Agreement by the Negotiating Panels of the Government of the Philippines and the MILF, or when the NTF-DPAGs determines that the PAGs are already dismantled, whichever comes earlier.

SECTION 6. Disposition of Assets. Upon the dissolution of the NTF-DPAGs, its assets shall be transferred in favor of the member agencies, as determined by the NTF-DPAGs.

SECTION 7. Support and Cooperation. All branches of the government, departments, bureaus, agencies, offices, and local government units, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are encouraged to render full support, assistance, and cooperation to the National Task Force in carrying out its mandate and functions.

SECTION 8. Separability. If any provision of this Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 9. Repeal. All orders, proclamations, rules, regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately upon publication.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 84

Further to Proclamation No. 1072 (s. 2015), and upon the recommendation of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation – Office of the Director General (APEC- ODG), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), work in government offices, including Government-Owned or – Controlled Corporations, is hereby suspended on 17 and 20 November 2015 in the National Capital Region, in view of the activities related to the Philippine hosting of the APEC Summit.

However, government agencies that are directly involved in basic services, such as, security and safety, health and emergency preparedness, and the conduct of various APEC meetings and related activities, shall continue their operations to ensure the success of the event.

For affected local government units and the private sector, suspension of work shall be on a voluntary basis based on their respective assessment of scheduled activities from 16-20 November 2015, and the traffic management plan which shall be implemented on the said dates.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Manila, 23 September 2015.

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 85

ENJOINING ALL HEADS OF NATIONAL AGENCIES, PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS IN MINDANAO TO AUTHORIZE THEIR DESIGNATED PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION OFFICERS TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 2015 MINDANAO COMMUNICATORS CONGRESS AND WORKSHOP TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE MINDANAO COMMUNICATORS' NETWORK, INC. IN COOPERATION WITH THE MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE ON 11-13 NOVEMBER 2015

The Mindanao Communicators' Network, Inc. (MindaComNet), is a network of government and non-government public relations and information officers, organized in 1999 for the purpose of networking activities for communication practitioners in the government and non-government organizations and the private sector in Mindanao. MindaComNet aims to enhance the professional growth of public and private communicators/public relations and information officers in Mindanao regions.

The MindaComNet was organized to serve as a mechanism for the promotion of the National Government's peace and development efforts in Mindanao.

In order to achieve its purpose and objectives, the MindaComNet will conduct a congress and workshop on 11-13 November 2015 at Pryce hotel in Cagayan de Oro City.

All heads of government departments, bureaus and offices, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, government financial institutions, state colleges and universities and local government units in Mindanao, are enjoined to authorize their public relations/information officers to attend and participate in the 2015 Mindanao Communicators Congress and Workshop and similar activities on 11-13 2015 on official time with expenses such as transportation, per diems, registration fee, and other necessary fees/expenses at rates prescribed in accordance with existing policies of the Department of Budget and Management, the Commission on Audit, and the Civil Service Commission, chargeable against the funds of their respective agencies/offices, and subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

23 October 2015

Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 86

ENJOINING ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), TO SUPPORT AND ALLOW THEIR RESPECTIVE AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS AND CONCERNED OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 3rd REGIONAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, AND THE 3rd ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING, ON 09-11 DECEMBER 2015 AT CENTURY PARK HOTEL, MANILA

The Philippines will host the 3rd Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific (RFSAM-AP), and the 3rd Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Conference on Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (ACABE) (hereinafter “Conferences”) on 09-11 December 2015 at Century Park Hotel, Manila. The Conferences will also include the 11th Session of the Technical Committee of the United Nations for Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific-Center for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (UNESCAP-CSAM), and the 11th Engineering Research and Development for Technology.

The Conferences are organized by the UNESCAP-CSAM, ASEAN Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Coordinating Committee, Board of Agricultural Engineering of the Professional Regulation Commission, and Department of Science and Technology, among others.

With the theme, “*Human Resource Development for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization*,” the RFSAM-AP and ACABE aim to support the implementation of the Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization Law, Philippine Agricultural Engineering Competitiveness Road Map 2013-2020, and the ASEAN Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Cooperation Framework.

All heads of government departments, bureaus and offices, including GOCCs, LGUs, and SUCs, are hereby enjoined to extend full support and allow their agricultural engineers and concerned officials to participate in the Conferences, subject to the availability of funds of their respective agencies/offices, and to the applicable accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Officials concerned shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to ensure that there is no disruption of normal office activities/services in their respective offices by reason thereof.

This Circular shall take effect immediately. 13 November 2015

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 87

DIRECTING ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, TO SUBMIT AN INVENTORY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE IDLE LANDS, AND CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY LANDS AND SITES FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7279 or the “Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992,” directs the local government units to conduct an inventory of lands and the concerned government agencies to identify sites for socialized housing;

WHEREAS, despite the explicit task given to local government units and government agencies, constraints on land identification for the purpose of socialized housing still occur; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Congress, through the Joint Committee of the House of Representatives Committee on Housing and Urban Development and the Senate Committee on Urban Planning and Shelter and Resettlement, has initiated a multi-sectoral National Summit on Housing and Urban Development (“Summit”) to identify immediate solutions to the increasing number of informal settlers in urban centers, and to ensure the availability of lands for socialized housing, the Joint Committee resolved to come up with an inventory of lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, the following are hereby ordered:

SECTION 1. Inventory of Lands. All National Government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are hereby directed to submit to the Inter-Agency Task Force created under Section 3 hereof, an inventory of their idle lands and provide information as to the purpose for which it has been reserved, and its status.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), through the local government units (LGUs), shall conduct an inventory of government-owned idle lands in urban centers in their respective territories.

For this purpose, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Land Registration Authority (LRA) shall make available its land records, such as but not limited to approved subdivision plans and surveys, cadastral maps, title information and abstracts of registry, to the DILG and LGUs, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law, rules and regulations.

SECTION 2. Government Idle Lands. For the purposes of the inventory, government idle lands shall be categorized into the following:

- a. Lands owned by any government entity that have been idle and have not been used for the purpose for which they have been reserved for the past 10 years;
- b. Lands with existing structures and owned by any government entity but can be set aside for socialized housing; and
- c. Lands owned by any government entity currently inhabited by informal settler families.

SECTION 3. Creation of an Inter-Agency Task Force. There is hereby created an Inter-Agency Task Force to facilitate the inventory of lands. The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

Chairman:	Secretary, DILG
Members:	Secretary, DENR

	Chairperson, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
	Chief Executive Officer, Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board
	General Manager, National Housing Authority
	Administrator, National Mapping Resource Information Authority
	Administrator, LRA
	Director, Land Management Bureau

SECTION 4. Functions. The Task Force shall have the following functions:

- a. Ensure the timely submission of inventory of lands by government agencies, and local government units by the end of December 2015, in time for the preliminary report of the Summit;
- b. Review and assess the inventory of lands submitted by government entities and identify which are suitable for socialized housing and resettlement areas;
- c. Submit a list of identified government lands as possible sites for socialized housing to the Office of the President on or before 29 February 2016; and
- d. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the successful implementation of this Circular.

SECTION 5. Repeal. All issuances, orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Separability. If any provision of this Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 1st day of December in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

By the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 88

**DIRECTING THE CREATION OF AD HOC TASK GROUP CEBU ON CULTURAL AND
INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

WHEREAS, the upcoming cultural and international events that will take place in the City of Cebu and adjoining cities and provinces are expected to be attended by thousands of foreign and local delegates and participants who may also visit historical and cultural heritage sites and tourist areas therein;

WHEREAS, achieving the ultimate goal of ensuring a smooth and uninterrupted conduct of all the activities attendant to hosting of significant cultural and international events and keeping both local and foreign participants safe and secure is a shared responsibility between and among government agencies, private sectors, stakeholders and the members of the community;

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Constitution declares that “the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;”

WHEREAS, Sections 14 and 15, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution declares that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression and shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations;”

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Constitution also provides that “the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;”

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute an Ad Hoc Task Group Cebu to oversee, direct, control and supervise the overall preparation, integration of plans, programs and activities on security, peace and order and emergency preparedness and response to ensure a peaceful and successful hosting of cultural and international events taking place in the City of Cebu and adjoining cities and provinces in January 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, there is hereby created an Ad Hoc Task Group Cebu on Cultural and International Events.

The Ad Hoc Task Group shall be composed of the following:

Head	:	PCSUPT Prudencio Tom T. Bañas Regional Director, Police Regional Office (PRO) 7
Deputy Head	:	Representative, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)
Members	:	RD, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) 7
		Representative/s, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
		Representative/s, Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC)
		Representative/s, Department of Tourism (DOT)
		Representative/s, Department of National Defense (DND)
		Representative/s, Department of Health (DOH)
		Representative/s, Local Government Units (LGUs)

The Ad Hoc Task Group Cebu shall take charge of government actions and responses in connection with the cultural and international events taking place in the City of Cebu and adjoining cities and province, ensure smooth coordination among public and private sectors, maintain peace and order, ensure the safety of participants and the public, and prepare a traffic management plan for the efficient and smooth transport of persons and goods during cultural and international events that will take place in January 2016, such as the Annual Sinulog Celebration and the 51st International Eucharistic Congress (IEC).

The Ad Hoc Task Group Cebu shall be headed by RD, PRO 7 as the Task Group Commander who shall provide strategic direction, control and supervision over all the activities related to the provision of security, maintenance of peace and order and emergency preparedness.

The Ad Hoc Task Group may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, local government units, non-government organizations, and the private sector for assistance as the circumstances and exigencies may require.

The Ad Hoc Task Group Cebu shall have three (3) main operating Ad Hoc Sub-Task Groups: the Sub-Task Group Security, Sub-Task Group Peace and Order and Sub-Task Group Emergency Preparedness to delineate, synchronize and effectively manage all designated tasks for the upcoming cultural and international events.

Two Regional Centers under the Ad Hoc Task Group Cebu may also be activated, particularly the Regional Intelligence Fusion Center (RFIC) to provide tasked agencies/units the needed intelligence requirements before, during and immediately after the cultural and international events and the Regional Joint Tactical Operations Center (RJTOC) to conduct real time monitoring, information dissemination, synchronize movements and responses member agencies involved.

Owing to the cultural and historical significance of said upcoming international events, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCAA) shall also participate in accordance with its core functions in the pursuit of cultural preservation and the promotion of the nation's intangible cultural heritage as a strategy for maintaining Filipino identity.

As the lead communications arm of the Government and a vehicle of understanding for a well-informed and enlightened citizenry, proud of its heritage, Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) shall also take part in the management and supervision of all task and activities related to the coverage and broadcast of the upcoming cultural and international events to ensure a balanced and complete account thereof.

To ensure that the programs and activities to be undertaken in preparation for and during the event will run smoothly, efficiently and effectively, the OP Task Force on Interreligious and Intercultural Concerns shall also participate as government coordinator thereof.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and shall be declared *functus officio* upon the conclusion of cultural and international events taking place in the City of Cebu and adjoining cities and provinces in January 2016.

Done in the City of Manila, this 4th day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd,) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 89

**IMPLEMENTATION AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG
PLAN OF ACTION**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9165, otherwise known as the “Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002,” mandates the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), to develop and adopt a comprehensive, unified, integrated and balanced national drug abuse and prevention control strategy;

WHEREAS, the DDB formulated the National Anti-Drug Plan of Action (NADPA) which outlines the efforts of the government to strengthen its campaign against drugs and contribute to international efforts to counter the world drug problem;

WHEREAS, the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs provides that the Member States of the United Nations are fully aware that the drug problem remains a common and shared responsibility that requires effective and increased international cooperation; and

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, the drug problem is not merely a security or health issue, but also encompasses social, economic, psychological and economic interests, requiring the unified involvement of various government agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, the concerned agencies are directed as follows:

Section 1. Implementing Agencies. All government offices, departments, bureaus, agencies, offices and government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs), shall implement the NADPA. The DDB shall serve as the lead agency in its implementation.

Section 2. Formulation of the Implementing Plan and Operations Plan for the NADPA. The NADPA shall be implemented for a period of five (5) years. All government offices are required to formulate and submit their respective Five (5) Year Implementing and Operational Plans for the NADPA to the DDB within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Circular.

Section 3. Review. The DDB shall continuously improve and upgrade the implementation of the NADPA, until the vision of a drug-resistant and eventually a drug-free country has been achieved and consistently sustained. In consultation with the implementing government offices, the DDB shall develop a performance standard measure to determine the accomplishment status of the implementation of the NADPA.

In order to evaluate the NADPA, the DDB, with the assistance of the Philippine Statistical Authority (PSA), shall conduct a nationwide survey of drug prevalence in the country every three (3) years, the results of which shall be utilized for policy formulation on drug prevention and control.

Section 4. Implementation of a Drug-Free Workplace Program and Authorized Drug Testing. All government offices shall formulate and adopt their own drug-free workplace programs and conduct authorized drug testing among officials and personnel pursuant to DDB Resolution No. 2 (s. 2004) and Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 13 (s. 2010). The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) shall ensure the implementation of drug free-workplace policy and programs in the private sector, pursuant to DOLE Department Order No. 53 (s. 2003).

Section 5. Submission of Reports and Reviews to the DDB. To assist the DDB in its review of the NADPA within the five (5) year target implementation, all government offices shall submit the

following reports to the DDB, relative to their respective accomplishments in relation to their NADPA tasks, undertakings, programs and projects:

- a. Annual reports, to be submitted in the month of February of the succeeding year being reported;
- b. Final review, to be submitted in the month of February on the fifth year of the five (5) year target implementation.

All submissions by government offices shall include an evaluation in relation to the performance standard measure, as mentioned in Section 3 of this Circular.

Section 6. Role of Local Government Units (LGUs). In the implementation of their respective anti-drug programs, LGUs are enjoined to actively assist in the implementation and institutionalization of the NADPA by ensuring that their programs are parallel or in support of the programs of implementing agencies.

Section 7. Role of the Private Sector. Non-government organizations, civil society organizations and private institutions are enjoined to actively participate in the implementation and institutionalization of the NADPA, by conducting programs with the end of achieving a drug free workplace in the private sector.

Section 8. Funding. All implementing agencies are authorized to charge against their current appropriations such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Circular, subject to the applicable laws and budgetary, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations. For succeeding years, all agencies are directed to program such amounts, as may be necessary for the implementation of the NADPA or any other similar plan of action, in their respective budgets.

Section 9. Repeal. All orders, issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Separability. If any provision of this Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 11. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 17th day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 90

**CONSTITUTING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO CRAFT A HOUSING
AND RESETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR THE NLEX C-5 LINK PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) Concession Agreement consists of three (3) phases, one of which is the construction of a 7.85 kilometer road, known as the NLEX C-5 Link Project, that would link the NLEX and the C-5 Road;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan recognizes the crucial role of infrastructure in supporting the performance of the country's economic sectors and ensuring equitable access to services, especially those affecting the people's health, education, and housing; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the NLEX C-5 Link Project may cause the displacement of occupants within the area.

NOW THEREFORE, the following are hereby ordered:

Section 1. Creation. An Inter-Agency Taskforce (IATF) is hereby constituted to craft a housing and resettlement framework for the occupants who will be affected by the NLEX C-5 Link Project.

The IATF is hereby directed to submit its report to the Office of the President within ninety (90) days from the issuance of this Order.

Section 2. Composition. The IATF shall be composed of representatives from the following agencies:

Chairperson:	Department of Public Works and Highways
Members:	Department of Transportation and Communications
	Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
	Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board Housing and Urban Development Coordination
	Land Registration Authority
	National Housing Authority
	Presidential Commission on Urban Poor
	Social Housing Finance Corporation

The DILG shall constitute the Secretariat of the IATF.

Section 3. Assistance and Cooperation. All other departments, agencies, bureaus and offices of the government are hereby ordered to coordinate and extend assistance to the IATF to carry out its functions pursuant to this Circular.

Section 4. Repeal. All orders, issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. Separability. If any provision of this Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 28th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 91

**APPROVING THE 2015-2017 PHILIPPINE EXPORT DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND
DIRECTING THE CONCERNED AGENCIES TO REVIEW ALL RELEVANT POLICIES TO
ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF**

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II of Republic Act (RA) No. 7844, otherwise known as the “Export Development Act of 1994,” the attached 2015-2017 Philippine Export Development Plan (PEDP) is hereby **APPROVED**.

The following government agencies and entities are hereby directed to collectively work and review all relevant policies to facilitate exports and eliminate those that hamper its free flow:

1. Department of Trade and Industry (Lead Agency)
2. Department of Agriculture;
3. Department of Energy;
4. Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
5. Department of Finance;
6. Department of Foreign Affairs;
7. Department of Health;
8. Department of the Interior and Local Government;
9. Department of Labor and Employment;
10. Department of Public Works and Highways;
11. Department of Science and Technology;
12. Department of Transportation and Communications;
13. Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas; and
14. National Economic and Development Authority.

The Export Development Council (EDC) shall oversee the implementation of the PEDP and coordinate the formulation and implementation of policy reforms and promotion strategies. Further, the EDC shall ensure the biannual validation and updating of the PEDP pursuant to the provisions of RA No. 7844.

The foregoing agencies shall submit to the EDC and to the Office of the President, through the Executive Secretary, the inventory of relevant policies and action plans within sixty (60) days from the issuance of this Circular.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 4th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

(Sgd.) **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 92

**CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO EXPEDITE THE ORGANIZATION OF
THE PHILIPPINE COMPETITION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 10667, or the “Philippine Competition Act,” established the Philippine Competition Commission to implement the national competition policy and the objectives and purposes under the law;

WHEREAS, the timely performance by the Commission of some of its crucial functions, such as the promulgation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations within 180 days from the effectivity of RA 10667, the implementation of a 2-year advocacy program, and the organization and mobilization of resources, necessitates the immediate organization and operation of the Commission;

WHEREAS, such initial organization may be hampered by the various prohibitions of certain activities during the forthcoming elections; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to provide a temporary office space and other logistical support for the Chairperson and Members of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, the following are hereby ordered:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established an Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) composed of representatives, with a rank of not lower than Undersecretary, from the Office of the President, Department of Budget and Management, Development Academy of the Philippines, and the Commission. The IATF shall be headed by the Commission Chairperson or his duly designated representative.

The heads of the agencies comprising the IATF shall designate their respective representatives and thereafter, the IATF shall convene immediately upon call by the Commission Chairperson.

SECTION 2. The IATF shall have the primary duty of expediting the organization of the Commission. In line therewith, the IATF shall undertake the following functions:

- a. Assist in obtaining immediate funding and logistical requirements, such as temporary office space, physical equipment, secretariat services, communication facilities, supplies and materials, among others, for the initial organization of the Commission;
- b. Assist in the prompt approval of the organization and staffing pattern and in the screening, secondment, and recruitment of personnel, subject to pertinent laws, rules and regulations;
- c. Provide general administrative support and assistance in the procurement needs of the Commission;
- d. Assist in the development of office policies and internal rules and regulations;
- e. Coordinate with the public and private sectors, including research institutions, for the purpose of providing such assistance as the Commission may require for the immediate organization of the Commission.

SECTION 3. This Circular shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until 30 June 2016, or until the commencement of the normal operations of the Commission, whichever comes earlier.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 11th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 93

DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AND ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO EXTEND SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION TO THE KABISIG PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT EXPO 2016

WHEREAS, the KABISIG People's Movement (KABISIG) Program was created by virtue of Proclamation No. 650 (s. 1990) in order to facilitate, coordinate, and monitor the implementation of government programs and projects, as well as to provide linkages between and among the private sector groups and government agencies and instrumentalities; and

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of the above mandate, KABISIG is conducting the "KABISIG Philippine Government Expo 2016," with the theme "*Pamahalaan at Mamamayan: Kapit-bisig sa Kaunlaran*" aimed at bringing together in one venue all government agencies and instrumentalities, including Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Local Government Units (LGUs), to feature their profiles, service facilities, programs, projects, products, and accomplishments, thereby providing an opportunity for the government to promote public awareness and participation in national development.

NOW, THEREFORE, all heads of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the National Government, including GOCCs, are hereby directed and LGUs are hereby encouraged to extend support and participate, subject to the availability of funds and applicable budgetary, accounting and auditing laws, rules, regulations and procedures.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

By Authority of the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**
Executive Secretary